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NEWS OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL!

House of Representatives Pass Anti-Mixed Marriage Bill But Senate is Expected to Kill the Measure

THE BITTER SCHOOL FIGHT GOES MERRILY ON!

Colored Papers a Unit Against the Bruce Administration Shall Married Women Continue to Teach in the Public Schools of Washington? The New Justices of Supreme Court and Board of Education of the District Dr. C. W. Childs Scores a Signal Triumph – Former Register Napier to Hold Conference.

By R. W. Thompson.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—By a vote of 228 to 60 the House of Representatives last Monday passed a bill prohibiting the intermarriage of white persons and Negroes in the District of Columbia. Negroes, within the meaning of the statute, are persons who possess one-eighth or more of African blood. The bill is drastic in its provisions, imposing both fine and imprisonment upon whites and blacks alike who violate the proposed law, and visiting equally severe punishment upon any minister or magistrate who performs a "mixed" ceremony. The measure was introduced by Representative Clark, of Florida, and is of a piece with similar laws passed by the legislatures of the southern states, with a view of preventing "miscegenation." The bill not only affects residents of the District, but persons of either color who enter the District with other than a wife of like color as himself. A white man coming into this city with a colored wife is regarded as a violator of the law, and the couple is liable to prosecution. The penalty is a fine from $1,000 to $5,000, or imprisonment for not less than a year nor more than five years. A minister who performs a ceremony in violation of this statute is liable to a fine of $250 to $1,000 and imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than one year. The law considers null and void all "mixed" marriages whether performed in Washington or not.

In the House Monday the Clark bill provoked a lively discussion. A notable speech was delivered by Representative Madden, of Illinois, who has long been recognized as a particular champion of the race's interests in the national legislature. In Chicago, where Mr. Madden hails from, there are numerous instances of the "mixed" marriages which the Clark bill seeks to eliminate from the District. Mr. Madden said, among other things:

"I am opposed to intermarriages of the races, but I am opposed to making such marriages a crime. The Negroes are willing to confine their marriages to their own race, but they have a right to demand that the women of their race shall not be considered the legitimate prey of the men of other races. If the blood of both races can be kept pure by law, all right, but who can assure this. By all means, if we are to have a law against mixed marriages, that law should also provide for exposing those who boast of the purity of their blood while they continue clandestine and illegal relations with those against whom this law is directed."

Mr. Madden and others expressed a belief that no such law is necessary, as they did not believe there is any widespread desire on the part of white women to marry Negro men, nor any great frequency of white men marrying Negro women. Such marriages are so rare as to constitute a novelty. No legislation is needed, they said, in a matter so purely personal and where the parties involved are the only ones immediately concerned.

It is recalled that about a year ago the House pased a similar bill, but it died in the Senate.

It is freely predicted by well-informed people about the capitol that the Senate will come to the rescue and that the Clark bill will go to its death by the same route that former bills have gone.

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Shall Married Women Teach in Washington's Public Schools?

"Rule 45," that which separates a female teacher from her job automatically when she gets married, is the subject of a vigorous contention in school circles at this time and will go on trial for its life at an early session of the Board of Education. Several teachers, who married recently and who wish to continue the career to which they have been trained, are determined to test the legality or expediency of the rule and there will be enough difference of opinion among the members of the Board to bring about a "battle royal" on this burning issue. The action of the Board in New York City, in sustaining a teacher who is married and who absented herself from school to bear a child, has made the subject a live one here, and has heartened those who favor married women teachers, if the latter see fit to teach. Said a prominent patron of the schools:

"For my part, I see nothing wrong about a woman continuing to teach after marriage, if she has a taste for the work and wishes to round out her career as an educator. Married women continue their work in the government departments after marriage and do as well as their single sisters. They are at work in every branch of gainful activity, as stenographers, bookkeepers, cashiers, clerks, salesladies, skilled operators in shops and factories, and conduct business enterprises on a large scale. Why should they be excluded only from the schools, a natural profession for women? I am not sure that mothers would not make the best teachers. After a woman has had large experience as a teacher, why should the schools be compelled to lose the benefit of her superior training, earned at the cost of thousands of dollars?

"The question of support for single women does not enter my calculations, per se. The schools are made for the pupils—not to give any one a job, primarily. The fittest should be kept in the harness, regardless of whether they are married or single. That will be the ultimate conclusion of those who view the teaching problem upon its merits, free from the economic phase."

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The New Justices and the Board of Education.

Since the accession of President Wilson, three new Justices have been appointed to the bench of the Supreme Court of the District: Covington, McCoy and Siddons. They happen to be Democrats. All are recognized as gentlemen of the finest caliber and jurists unto the manor born. The interest of the colored citizens in the new members, aside from the administration of justice in legal causes, tends very largely toward the question as to what attitude they will take as to the personnel of colored end of future Boards of Education, the appointment of which is lodged in their hands. On July 1, next, the three-year term of Dr. Charles H. Marshall will expire. Will his friends be able to have him re-appointed, with the bench so radically changed? If there is to be a new man, will he be selected from the known adherents of the present Assistant Superintendent, or from the ranks of those who insist upon a new and squarer deal?

These are the questions uppermost in the popular mind when the altered personnel of the District Supreme Court is up for discussion.

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Dr. Childs Wipes Out Color Line at an "Uncle Sam at Work" Picture Show.

Dr. C. W. Childs, of the Board of Education, scored a signal triumph in the matter of the admission of colored children of the public schools on equal terms with the white children at the free exhibition of moving pictures last Saturday at the Columbia Theater. Mr. Frederick J. Haskin, promoting a series of "movies" depicting "Uncle Sam at Work," invited the pupils of the city schools to attend the exhibition in a body, to secure the educational advantages it offered. The presumption on the part of many was that the affair was for the benefit of the white children only. When Mr. Haskin appeared before the Board to secure the necessary permission and co-operation, Dr. Childs, ever on the alert as to the welfare of his own people, arose and in eloquent language pointed out that such an educational exhibit should be open to all and voiced his objection to any sanction of the affair on the part of the Board unless an assurance was given by Mr. Haskin that there would be no discrimination on the ground of color or race, and that identification cards would be served to the pupils of all the schools alike.

Dr. Childs won out in his contention and the Board instructed the Superintendent to permit the cards to be issued only after a "first come, first served basis, regardless of color." The plan worked out in a highly successful manner on the day of the exhibition. Hundreds of colored children enjoyed the instructive and thrilling pictures, illustrative of the operations of the American government, side by side with the whites, and there was not a single instance of friction. The incident showed two things: that Dr. Childs is one colored member of the Board of Education who is always "on the job" when the interests of the race are at stake, and that separation on race lines is not necessary to avoid friction in matters of a purely public concern. There is no social aspect to a visit to an educational exhibit and any other course than that advocated by Dr. Childs would have been foolish in the extreme.

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Former Register of the Treasury J. C. Napier, will come up from Nashville, Tenn., the latter part of this week and will hold a conference with the local members of the National Negro Business League, looking to the arousing of interest in the Boston meeting of the League, set for next August.

HON. J. O. DIFFAY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ALABAMA PENNY SAVINGS BANK.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 24.—Hon. J. O. Diffay, for several years vice-president of the Alabama Penny Savings Bank, was Saturday elected president of the institution, including the branches at Anniston, Selma and Montgomery, by the newly elected board of directors. Mr. Diffay was with Dr. W. R. Pettiford, B. H. Hudson and Peter F. Clarke 25 years ago when the bank was established, and has been a hard and consistent worker for the institution ever since. He is one of the most prominent Negroes in the state, identified with much of its business and fraternal interests and is a large holder of Birmingham real estate.

As vice-president of the institution, he took charge of affairs temporarily during the serious illness of the former president, Dr. W. R. Pettiford, and succeeded in full charge on Dr. Pettifords' death. His election to the presidency by the board of directors was unanimous. Placed on the board of directors this year were J. O. Diffay, B. H. Hudson, Peter F. Clarke, T. W. Walker, John W. Goodgame, John H. Jones, P. M. Edwards, A. M. Brown, H. M. Strickland, D. P. Moore, R. T. Jackson, Walter R. Pettiford, J. S. Jackson, R. L. Mabry and T. C. Windham.

The report of the president and cashier showed the bank to be in excellent shape, having earned a profit of $13,000 during the year. The earnings were placed to the undivided profits.

KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

Grim Reapers Passed to the Beyond—Prof. C. L. Timberlake Delivers Eloquent Speech at Farmdale.

(By Hardin Tolbert.)

FRANKFORT, Ky.—(Special)—Mr. Lewis Twymann, a messenger in the Department of Education, and a Christian, upright man, died after five days' illness. Mr. Twymann was highly thought of by both white and colored citizens. He was a member of St. John A. M. E. church, where the funeral service was conducted by Rev. D. C. Carter. The service was well carried out by Young Men Pride Lodge K. of P.'s. Mr. Twymann leaves to mourn his loss a grandmother and a host of ardent friends. For years he had been employed at the Capital Hotel.

Rev. Joseph Burnes, of Lancaster, died after a few days' illness. Rev. Burnes graduated from the K. N. & I. I. and afterwards ordained as a minister from the First Baptist church in this city. He then went to Lancaster to teach school, where he was principal of Lancaster public school. He married a young lady who was the assistant. They had not been married quite three years. Friends regret to learn of the death of Rev. Burns.

Prof. C. L. Timberlake, the brilliant young orator, delivered an eloquent address at the Farmdale school commencement. He impressed his hearers just what the young Negro can really do. He told of the many achievements that had been accomplished by the Negroes throughout the United States.

The White City is the most popular place in the city for dancing and amusements of the younger set.

The new Columbia Theatre is showing some high class motion pictures and are securing some of the best vaudeville acts. Mr. J. W. Henry, Prop. Mr. Elwood Arnold, manager, who is making this business a success.

NEWS OF COLUMBUS, OHIO.

(By B. H. Burnett.)

Mrs. David Allen, of 1385 Hawthorn street, has been sick for several days.

The afternoon meeting that was held at Union Grove Baptist church was certainly a grand old time. Rev. Davis, of Shiloh, and Rev. Chandler, of Second Baptist church, both preached wonderful sermons. The next Sunday afternoon meeting will be held at Antioch Baptist church in Sellsville.

Mrs. Louisa Triplet, of 538 East Town street, sustained a broken arm and severe bruises when she fell Thursday, January 21, 1915. She will reside with Mrs. Higgenbotham, of 490 East Gay street, until she is able to be at her work.

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Mr. W. U. Scott, of 223 Talmadge street, was home for a short visit.

Rev. Dr. Starks, of Sellsville, was in Chillicothe on business.

Mrs. Laura Reynolds, of St. Clair avenue, has been ill for several days.

Mrs. Susie France, of West Lane avenue, is reported very ill.

The formal opening of the LaSalle Theatre, of Long and Twenty-second street, January 23, was well attended.

Mr. Pete Watson, of 612 Edward street, has been very ill for some time.

Mr. Chas. O. Ward, who has been employed at Logan, Ohio, is home for the winter.

Freeman readers of the south side can get it at Pete Jones Shining Parlor, 311 South Seventh street.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the St. Augustine Episcopal Mission will give a Valentine social in the Elks Hall, Wednesday evening, January 10. All welcome.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, of Stanton, Va., are the guests of Mrs. H. G. Tabern, 202 Oak Hill avenue.

Miss Lucy Greene, of Meadville, Pa., spent a few days with Mrs. Herbert Douglas, on her way home from Cleveland.

Archie Thomas Stewart, of the Poland Golf Club, slipped and fell Thursday evening, and is some better, but not able to be out.

Thomas H. Payne, the real estate dealer, has moved his office to his allotment, 354 Earl avenue. Call and see him.

Mrs. Wm. Saunders, who has been on the sick list, is some better.

Mrs. Millie Robinson, of Darrow street, died Monday evening, and was buried Thursday from the Oak Hill Ave. A. M. E. church, of which she was a member. She was born in Boysburg, Pa., 1855, and was a resident of this city forty years. She leaves a husband and a large number of relatives to mourn her loss.

Word was received here from Butler, Pa., that Rev. P. Tucker was very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Florence White.

A. H. Jenkins was called to Parkersburg, W. Va., Saturday on account of illness of his wife.

Myrtle, the wife of F. J. Frances, died at her late residence, Hilker street, Monday evening, after a long illness. She was reared in Milan, Ohio, and the daughter of Albert Smith, now of Elyria, O. Mr. and Mrs. Frances came to Youngstown in October.

ANDERSON, S. C.

Mrs. Matilda Dandolson, who conducts a grocery store on Fant street, is on the sick list.

Mr. Frank Hix is up and able to be out again, after several weeks' illness.

The Young Men's Improvement Club met Friday night as usual. After the meeting the club gave a royal reception for its members.

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NEWS OF THE NATION'S METROPOLIS

The Report Circulated Broadcast of the Recent Brutal Lynching at Monticello, Found to be Erroneous

OUR REPRESENTATIVE MAKES INVESTIGATION!

The Discovery is Made that the Real Cause of the Barber Family Making the Attack on the Sheriff was not Mentioned – Funeral of a Good Christian Woman—Bishop Walters Active – Dr. J. C. Walker, of Greensboro, N. C., Visits the City—Wealthy New Yorker Returns from Trip—Weekly Pickups.

Allen's National News Bureau, 252 West 53rd Street.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The Associated Press which has proved to be one of the worst enemies of the race, further justified this assertion, when last week it reported the lynching of the Negro family at Monticello, Ga., in its own fashion which is invariably found to be wrong. The erroneous reports of such occurrences through the Associated Press have done much to further intensify the bitter race feeling in the South, as well as to reflect discreditably upon the race.

In the report of the Monticello lynching the Associated Press stated that Dan Barber and his family resisted arrest and immediately attacked the Chief of Police who had gone to make the arrest. Your correspondent knowing the reputation of the Associated Press to err in these reports made a thorough investigation of the affair, and has discovered that the real facts in relation to the affair were not mentioned. Information reached this bureau from a reliable source, and from the scene of the lynching, that the report of affair that went out was a distorted makeshift, and was colored to meet the approval of the South. The reason that Dan Barber and his family resisted the approach of the Chief of Police was only after the Chief of Police had shot down the mother of the children and left her dead in the floor.

The attack upon the officer was the most natural thing to do under the circumstances, and what would have been done by any other class of people.

The Associated Press did not bring this out in its report, as a result great injustice has been done the race. Your correspondent in talking to a prominent man of the race who lives in the state of Georgia says the affair was one of the most cruel of its kind, and that the report of the Associated Press has done much to work up a bad sentiment. Your correspondent has given these facts to the daily press of this city and will also call attention to the matter in other ways. The Associated Press is an unreliable news association and is an avowed enemy of the race.

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Funeral of a Christian Woman.

One of the largest funerals seen in this city for sometime, was the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Hubbard, which was held from the Mother Zion A. M. E. church last Sunday. Mrs. Hubbard was one of the most highly respected women of the Zion church, and had a large circle of friends who paid their last tribute to her at the funeral. She was 74 years of age when she died.

She was born in New Garden, Pa., and was the youngest child of Levi and Harriet Hood. She is the sister of Bishop J. W. Hood, the senior bishop in the A. M. E. Zion church. She has lived in this city for upwards of forty years, and for a long time has been living at the residence of Bishop Walters. The Bishop and Mrs. Walters gave her every comfort and provided her with a good home. In 1890 she joined the Mother Zion church in this city and became one of its most active workers. She was president for a time of the Woman's Home and Missionary Society of the New York conference and rendered fine service in this capacity. Bishop Walters, the great Zion churchman, was faithful to Mrs. Hubbard to the last and paid his last tribute of respect to her in preaching her funeral. The Bishop preached from the texts: "I know thy works and thy labor and thy patience." Our friend sleepeth. In speaking of the deceased the Bishop said: "The text is applicable to the departed. She was a woman of character and from a good family. She was also highly intelligent. Speaking of her loyalty the bishop said: "She was loyal to her church, her society, her brother and above all her God." Rev. J. W. Brown, pastor of the church, also assisted in the funeral. Mrs. Hubbard will be greatly missed and her departure leaves a gap that will be hard to fill.

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Rev. Dr. J. G. Walker Here.

Rev. Dr. J. G. Walker, pastor of the St. James Presbyterian church, of Greensboro, N. C., and principal of the public school of that city, made a hurried trip to this city last week on business pertaining to his work.

Rev. Walker is one of the progressive of the younger leaders of the South, and is wielding a wide influence in the section where he is laboring. He has been pastor in Greensboro for nine years, during which time he has done much for the success of the church. His church is one of the most progressive of the Presbyterian churches in the South, and has a membership of over 200. Since being at Greensboro, Rev. Walker has built a new church and parsonage. He is the principal of one of the largest public schools in the city, and as an educator he is doing much for the race in this direction. He is a graduate of Biddle University both from the academic and theological departments. He has been honored by degrees both from Biddle and Lincoln universities. He is much in demand as a speaker in his home city. The success that has come to this able young man should inspire the young men of the race to seek higher honors.

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Bishop Walters Active.

Your correspondent called at the residence of Bishop Walters last week on his rounds of the city. The bishop was found in his study straightening out his correspondence accumulated since the churchman left the city a few weeks ago. The bishop is one of the most active men of affairs of the race, and when he is in the city a steady stream of callers are constantly asking the advice and seeking the influence in many directions. Perhaps few men of the race has a larger influence than Bishop Walters and his word and endorsement is usually a sufficient passport. The bishop is a fine executive and is a distinct credit to the race.

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Prof. Spingarn Ends Tour.

What was doubtless the termination of one of the most notable private tours ever conducted in this country, was brought to a close last Wednesday evening in Buffalo, when Prof. J. E. Spingarn made his last address on the second of the tours he has arranged to fight American prejudice. In Buffalo, Professor Spingarn met with the same enthusiasm that he has met with in the various cities through which he has passed. In the cities through which Prof. Spingarn passed he was greeted with large and enthusiastic audiences which did much to inspire him. Prof. Spingarn has spoken in the following cities: Pittsburg, Sprngfield, Ill., Columbus, O., Cincinnati, O., St. Joseph, Mo., Des Moines, Ia., St. Paul, Minn., Milwaukee, Toledo and Buffalo. These tours mark a new epoch in the life of America and as the result many of the enemies of the race are becoming to see the injustice that is heaped upon the race. Prof. Spingarn will arrive in the city in time to make preparation for the Lincoln Day celebration under the auspices of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People at which time his medal will be presented.

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Pickups.

Dr. Booker T. Washington will speak in this city Monday evening, February 8th, at Carnegie Hall, at a meeting to be held in the interest of Hampton Institute. It has been some time since the Tuskegeen has spoken in this city and his coming is being watched with great interest.

Rev. Dr. C. T. Walker, sometimes called the Black Spurgeon, is in this city conducting a revival meeting at Mt. Olivet Baptist church, of which he was formerly pastor.

The revival at St. Mark's M. E. church will end next Sunday evening. It has been very successful.

Your correspondent will report the doings of the race through the colored press each week. It is the aim to cover everything of importance relative to the advance of the race.

J. W. Johnson, one of the most enterprising young men in the city, is building up a fine mail order business in this city. He has a well equipped office at 2297 Seventh avenue, in the heart of the business section of the race. Mr. Johnson does an extensive business in jewelry, watches, etc. He told your correspondent that he has been in the business for six months and sees the prospects for a good business.

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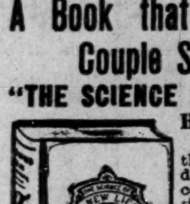

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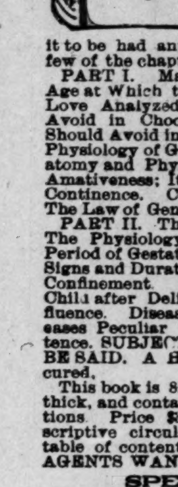

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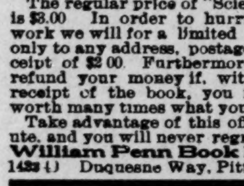

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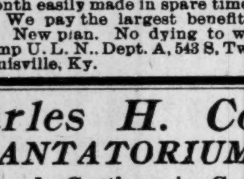

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(By R. W. Thompson.)

Romeo L. Dougherty to Do Some "Globe Trotting."

Washington, D. C., Special.

Mr. Romeo L. Dougherty, until recently the dramatic and sporting editor of the Washington Sun, is in New York City, having been in the big town since December 15, when he went there as one of the promoters of the Howard University-Incorporators basket ball game. He has declined a flattering offer to assume full charge of the Sun, in order to carry out a long-cherished wish to revisit his old home in Porto Rico and make a comprehensive tour of South and Central America. His tentative plan is to leave New York City in February, going on the steamer Brazes to San Juan, Porto Rico. After a week there he is to go to Caracas, Venezuela, and then to Rio Janero and Para, Brazil. Flitting through most of the towns of the Brazilian Republic, taking up about six months, Mr. Dougherty will journey to Cape Haitien, Haiti, for another six months; then to Santo Domingo for a goodly stay. Finally he will "make" Bajabonica, where he will locate for several months, after which he may return to "the States." He writes facetiously that he "hopes when he gets back to the national capital, the mazy school question will be settled for keeps." From this itinerary it will be observed that for the next two years the versatile dramatic editor will do some "globe trotting." His facile pen and engaging personality will be sadly missed in the theatrical and athletic circles of both New York and Washington. We wish him bon voyage.

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Mu-So-Lits Hold "Cabinet" Meeting.

Mr. M. Grant Lucas, the newly-elected president of the Mu-So-Lit Club, held his first "cabinet" meeting last Saturday night at his beautiful home, 1901 Third street northwest. The entire official family turned out and the affair was truly enjoyable. President Lucas outlined his policies and it is assured that he will have the hearty support of the club's 100 picked members. Among the matters in hand, for early settlement are: A reform in the manner of electing members; a fitting celebration of the birthday of Frederick Douglass; a celebration of the club's tenth anniversary, a social function; the inauguration of a financial budget system; and the introduction of novel features for the monthly programs. Mr. E. H. Lawson, chairman of the executive committee, presided. Among those present were Judge R. H. Terrell, Prof. Kelly Miller, R. A. Pelham, Arthur C. Newman, R. W. Thompson, G. Luther Sadgwar, Haley G. Douglass, J. LeC. Chestnutt, A. Mercer Daniels Frank A. Byron and Jay W. Clifford. A delightful menu was served under the direction of Dr. Marie B. Lucas, the charming wife of the Mu-So-Lit's capable president. A brilliant year is in prospect under Mr. Lucas.

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Miss Burrough's Plans.

The National Training School for Women and Girls at Lincoln Heights, starts the new year with the brightest prospects. The energetic principal, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, has the fullest confidence of the best people of the country, colored and white, and she is doing a splendid work for the practical uplift of the young women entrusted to her care. She is teaching the gospel of service in a fashion that is yielding golden results and making for the truest Christianity. The school is constantly growing, and yet is not able to keep pace in facilities with the immense demands that are being made on it by reason of its popularity and admitted helpfulness. Miss Burroughs has on foot a plan this year which will enable her to enlarge every department of the school and to double the dormitory space. Assistance extended Miss Burroughs in pushing this "bee-hive of industry" will be most worthily bestowed.

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Dr. Evans a "Genuine School Man."

Dr. W. Bruce Evans, formerly principal of Armstrong Manual Training School, continues in poor health, although greatly improved as compared with his condition some weeks ago. Dr. Evans is cheered by the receipt of letters from former pupils and friends in all sections of the country, declaring their faith in him as a teacher and protesting vigorously against the treatment to which he has been subjected by the school authorities here. Dr. Evans is still hopeful of a hearing before the board of education and it is said that the strong minority now in favor of giving him his "day in court" is likely to grow into a majority as developments are brought to bear. A prominent educator said last week: "I regard Dr. W. Bruce Evans as one of the very ablest school men in the land, and from my experience in the work, I think I ought to know a genuine 'school man' when I see one."

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Mr. T. Thomas Fortune is still seeking health at his country home at Lawrenceville, N. J., not far from Trenton. He maintains his connection with the Washington Sun as editor and publisher. The office is now with the Pendleton Printing Company, 1216 U street.

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An interesting and informing debate is going on in the daily papers touching the services of the Negro as a soldier in the earlier wars of the American Republic. Some of the participants in the discussion are James Croggon and A. N. Seip, white, and Lieut. T. H. R. Clarke and George H. Murray, colored. Some new light is being thrown on the valor and numbers of the black soldiers who fought with Washington, Jackson and others in defense of this country against the common enemy.

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Miss Marie C. James, the popular mezzo-contralto, was the principal singer last week at a reception tendered by the Wilberforce Club in honor of Major W. T. Anderson, a retired chaplain of the regular army.

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Bishop G. W. Clinton delivered an impressive sermon Sunday at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church. Mrs. Florence Randolph has been conducting a successful revival at this church.

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The race has no sturdier friend in the country than Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford, of the District Supreme Court. The colored people everywhere will be gratified to know that a poem written by him and set to music by Mrs. Amy M. Beach, has been adopted as the official hymn of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at esthetically with the "joining of the East and West." Justice Stafford, as a poet, ranks with the best in this generation. As a man and conserver of justice, regardless of race, color or condition, he is a logical heir to the mantle of William Lloyd Garrison and his distinguished namesake, Wendell Phillips. In poesy he is the Whittier of today.

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Mr. Oscar DePriest, one of the leaders in the political activities of Chicago, formerly a county commissioner and now a candidate for alderman, spent some days here last week in conference with Congressman Martin B. Madden. He was royally entertained by his Chicago comrades at the home of Mr. Frank A. Byron, who is connected with the committee on naval affairs at the Capitol.

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Mr. W. H. Cook, of the War Department, has been promoted to $840 per annum. Mrs. Grace Green Harris, of the office of the auditor for the Post Office Department, has also been substantially advanced in salary.

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The new $550,000 colored high school, on First street between M and O streets, is in process of erection. It will be a monumental structure and will represent the "last word" in school architecture. The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1916.

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Prof. Kelly Miller, the erudite dean of the College of Arts and Science, Howard University, has followed up his exceptionally able pamphlet on "Segregation and the Civil Service," by one not less effective on "Progress in the Higher Education of the Negro." Both articles are being widely published and are being read by both races with pleasure and profit. The questions involved are weighty and they are handled in each instance "without gloves."

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"Sunday" came on Monday this week.

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The school situation is still "tense" —and tightening up day by day.

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The Home for Friendless Negro Girls is making an earnest appeal for help. The management has paid $2,000 on the home and now owes $1,700 on building, taxes, insurance, etc., and money is needed at once to meet an overdue note. Assistance is asked of the public everywhere. Mrs. Julia Mason Layton is president of the Board of Managers and Miss Susie Robb is secretary.

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The National Emancipation Commemorative Society, of which Prof. Jesse Lawson is president, is preparing to celebrate in fitting fashion the 106th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The meeting is to take place at the new John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church on the evening of February 12. The principal address will be delivered by United States Senator Wesley L. Jones, of the State of Washington.

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What is said to be "the tiniest store in Washington," has been evolved from the stairway to the former cafe of "Jim" Gray at 1313 E street northwest. Owing to the necessity of making a party wall, this narrow bit of property has become a seperate building, two stories in height, with an outside measurement of 7 1-2 by 54 feet, and inside measurements of 6 by 52 feet. The upstairs room in the tiny structure was the private dining room of Gray's popular cafe and was made famous as the daily meeting place of the "Black Cabinet," which thrived under the Taft administration. "Gray's" is gone and the little cut-off is to be occupied as a shoe-shining parlor, to be presided over by a descendant of Julius Caesar or of Agamemnon.

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Mr. A. W. Dangerfield, who has placed on the market a very creditable volume of verses under the caption of "Musings," is also an active worker in the Epworth League of Asbury M. E. church. He has conducted a number of meetings during the season at Asbury, and it is conceded that those for which he prepared the program have been the most successful of the series. By dint of hard work and the exercise of a wide personal influence, Mr. Dangerfield draws not only the regular following of the church, but attracts people of prominence and usefulness from all sections of the city. At his most recent meeting, Judge Robert H. Terrell was the speaker of the day.

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Hon. John P. Green has returned to his home in Cleveland, Ohio, after making a highly successful fight against the adoption by Congress of the Reed amendment to the immigration bill, designed to prevent the further entrance of Negroes to this country. The public spirited citizens of Ohio sent their most capable man here to speak for them. Mr. Green giving an excellent acount of his stewardship, as results are showing.

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The immigration bill has gone to the President for his consideration. On Friday he is to hold a hearing on the bill, after which he will act according to his best judgment. It is pretty generally believed he will veto the measure, because of his bitter hostility to the "literacy" clause encouched in it. The provision to exclude persons of African descent, etc., has been completely wiped out. The Griffin Sisters are at the Dixie

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Theatre, Richmond, Va., this week. Lyllyn Browne and Billy DeMont

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are at the Metropolitan Theatre, Nashville, Tenn., having closed in New Orleans the week after Christmas. They are heading for their home in Washington. On the bill at the Metropolitan also are Tillie Seguin and a stock company organized by her from the wreck of the Black Patti show.

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Alice Ramsey, who has been going fine at the Howard, sang "Rock Me in the Cradle of Love" Sunday night by request. She is not using this number in her present act. Her partner, Charles Nickerson, is a pianist and composer of note and his original songs, accompanied by himself, "stopped the show" every night. He is a lucky find for Miss Ramsey, and his quaint comedy is an excellent foil for her dainty singing feature, neat dialogue and fetching gowns. Miss Ramsay's gowns are the last word in the modiste's art, and are perfectly proper. There is absolutely no ground for the clumsy reflections of one or two critics in the West on the statuesque lady's wardrobe.

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At the local play-houses this week: Howard, Gant & Perkins, sister team; Guilfport & Nugent, and Braxton & Nugent. Dudley's, Hellen & Austin, Louise Jones, Prof. Hellman, and Baby Emma. Fairyland, Butler & Johnson.

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An airdome on Ninth street is talked of.

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The Martin & Motley Stock Company, which played so long at Dudley's, put in three weeks at the Foraker and then closed, to go to Roanoke, Va., for a run. The company now includes Edgar Martin, Henry Jones and Minstrel Morris, and Misses Rosa Motley, Alice Russell and Rosetta Shanks. The company gave a special performance on Thursday night at Samaritan Hall in South Washington. It is under the general direction of S. H. Dudley's booking enterprise.

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S. H. Dudley came into town last Saturday night, accompanied by William Hodgkins and the mule, Patrick. On Sunday Mr. Dudley assembled all of the artists in the city, working under his direction at his office on Seventh street and gave them a practical "show talk" or lecture, lasting a full hour. He placed particular emphasis upon three or four points, with a view of helping the artists and boosting the business generally. He warned the players about cutting rates to get temporary engagements; told how reprehensible it is to steal a fellow performer's jokes and songs; urged teams of promise to stick together long enough to make a reputation, and other timely things.

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Frank A. Byron, of Chicago, and F. D. McCracken, of St. Paul, put in some strong licks against the African exclusion clause of the immigration bill.

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Alice Russell, of Baltimore, who has had experience in "The Smart Set" and other big road shows, is a new member of the Martin & Motley Stock Company. She is a sister to Miss Blanche Thompson, the prima donna, and their resemblance is so striking that one can scarcely tell "which is which." Miss Russell is a clever artist.

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Mrs. Daisy Henson, chief of the local division of the Daughter Elks, entertained in hospitable fashion Saturday night at her cosy home, 645 Florida avenue. The menu was toothsome and the charming hostess was extolled in eloquent terms by the diners. Among those present were Miss Susie Sutton, Miss Maud C. Johnson, Miss Daisy Martin, W. P. Mason, W. C. Jordan, Alex. Henson, I. Edward Wilson, and R. W. Thompson, the latter acting as toastmaster.

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Mr. A. E. Manning, editor of the Indianapolis World, spent a few days in the city last week and called upon a number of old friends in the department and at their homes. Sunday he was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson at their apartments, 15061-2 S street northwest. Mr. Manning is exceedingly close to the present national administration and has been mentioned very favorably for Recorder of Deeds and Register of the Treasury.

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A juicy official plum is said to be maturing for Charles L. Barnes. It is also given out that A. E. Patterson, of Oklahoma, is to be "taken care of" soon.

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An application has been made for a receiver for the ill-fated Majestic Theatre. This house will never "make good." It has been tried out by white and colored and has failed for all. It is in the cold storage district, near the market, and will probably wind up its career as a storage house.

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Brig. Gen. A. S. Burt, former commander of the 25th Infantry, was buried at Arlington Cemetery.

NOTES ON RACIAL PROGRESS.

Furnished by the National Negro Business League.

Mr. Ira T. Bryant has been elected President of the Nashville Board of Trade.

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The colored Odd Fellows are erecting a $75,000 building in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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The Clef Club of New York City has donated $75.00 to charitable organizations in Philadelphia.

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Professor Edgar H. Webster of Atlanta University, is contributing a series of articles to the Savannah (Georgia) Tribune.

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Boston Clay, of Muscatine, Iowa, has invented a triple button cutting machine. It has been patented and is now handled by an eastern syndicate.

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The Colored Federated Charities of Houston, Texas, were donated the use of the City Auditorium for the Christmas tree for poor colored children.

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A Christmas Fund of $20,000 was drawn out by nearly 1,000 depositors of the Brown Savings Bank of Norfolk, Virginia. The bank is managed by colored men.

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The Cook County Bar Association is the name of a recent organization, composed of Chicago's leading colored lawyers. George W. Ellis is at the head of the movement.

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It is reported that S. H. Dudley, the famous comedian and theatrical booking agent, will put a mammoth tent show next season which will employ over a hundred colored people.

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J. Andrews, of Denver, Colorado, conducts a large and successful truck garden and hog ranch. According to the Colorado Statesman, Mr. Andrews finds little of the "color line" in his business.

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The New York Medical Journal recently awarded the first prize, $25.00 in gold, to Dr. C. S. Downing, a graduate of the Howard Medical School, for the best essay on "The Treatment of Alcoholic Cirhosis of the Liver."

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Charles Alexander of Los Angeles, California, has compiled and written a biography of the late Colonel Allen Allensworth, who was the only colored man to reach the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel of the United States Army.

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Within five years since its organization, The Royal Circle of Friends of Helena, Arkansas, has enrolled a membership of 30,000 in nine States and paid out to the beneficiaries of their deceased over $200,000. Dr. R. A. Williams is Supreme President.

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Charles H. Watkins, a young colored man, is said to be one of the best salesmen employed by the Story and Clark Piano Company of St. Louis. His sales for this year will exceed $80,000 and entitle him to the annual bonus of $150.00 offered by his company.

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According to the New Age of Los Angeles, California, Ellis Warren of that city has supervision over the hauling and shipping department of C. Leonhardt, Contractor. The fact that this firm has erected most of the skyscrapers in Los Angeles, emphasizes the importance of Mr. Warren's position.

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The Negro Insurance Alliance, an organization composed of the colored insurance agents of St. Louis, recently held a smoker and banquet. Among the subjects discussed were: "The Relation of the Agent to the Client;" "Future of the Negro in the Insurance Field;" "Payment of Claims" and "How to Hold Your Business."

BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

George Norwood vs. Battling Ford.

Saturday night, January 16, George Norwood, of Beaumont, and Battling Ford, of New Orleans, stepped six fast rounds before the members of the Neches Club, of Beaumont.

The bout was a thriller from bell to bell, the Ford party being awarded the referee's verdict at the end of the six terrific sessions. It behooves the fight fans the country over to keep their eyes on this young bruiser from the Crescent City, for he's a comer and will be heard from later on.

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NEWS OF BUNKIE, LA.

Mrs. Carrie Bruce, Mr. A. L. Gray, Mr. S. W. Watson, Mrs. Eva Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomas, Mrs. Dora Pitts and a good many others are taking The Freeman, which is in the lead in our little town. .. Mrs. Carrie Brue will leave Bunkie on the 21st for Alexandria, where she will spend a week with her friends and relatives, who will greet her with great joy. She will go from that point to Lake Charles, which is her late home. .. The Christian Baptist church is the leading church of Bunkie. Rev. W. L. Fisher, pastor, is requesting its members to take greater interest in the work that we may make this the banner year during the history of our church. The superintendent of the Sunday School is making the same request. Mr. M. W. King occupies that responsible position. Our Sunday School is the best in this part of the country. Let us work to hold our own.

LAKE FOREST, ILL.

Mr. Eli Hart was in Chicago on the 14th and spent several days visiting friends and relatives. .. Mr. Clarence McIntosh gave a sleigh party. It was well patronized by out-of-town guests and home people. After driving about the city they were driven to his beautiful home on Brushwood Road, where a fine repast was served. .. The leading ladies of the First Baptist Church have organized a Sewing Circle. They meet with Mrs. B. B. Turner, in Effner avenue, Monday, November 11. .. Rev. L. B. Brown, Mr. Chas. Gray, Mr. B. B. Turner and the writer were in Highland Park, Ill., on the 23d in the interest of organizing a literary society.

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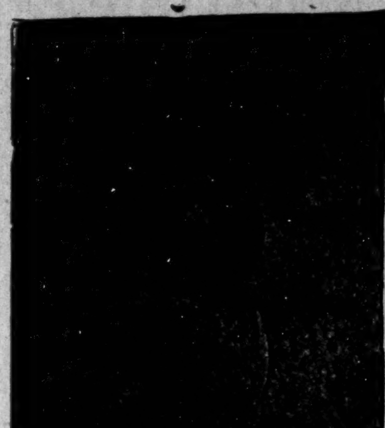

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What Our Womem are Doing!

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Mrs. Ella G. Peterson is National Organizer of the W. C. T. U. work.

Mrs. Ruth M. Collett is matron of Provident Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Marie Thompson Lucas is a practicing physician at Washington, D. C.

Miss Francis Spencer is said to be the only colored harpist in the state of Indiana.

Cincinnati, Ohio, has a factory where over 200 colored young women are employed.

Miss Ethel Trent is a graduate of the Nurses' Training Department of Provident Hospital.

An oddity of the English language makes it possible for a spoiled child to be extremely fresh.

Xenia, Ohio, has a factory where over 300 colored men and women are employed the year round.

Mrs. T. J. Searcy, Memphis, Tenn., gives $25 annually as the salary of a native teacher in Central Africa.

Mrs. S. G. McGill conducts a successful millinery and ready-to-wear clothes store at Jacksonville, Tenn.

Mrs. Anna S. Hern and Mrs. Mary L. Moss are lady attendants of a leading undertaking establishment.

Miss Hattie Ross, who is nearly seventy years old, is an active slum worker and prison missionary of New York City.

Mrs. Carrie Tisdale and Mrs. Dianah Dean, two colored women of Chicago, sixty years old, have just graduated in hand painting.

Mrs. Betsy Etorey, of Carmi, Ill., is 102 years old and has lived on the same farm for seventy-eight years. She has never worn a corset.

The colored graduate nurses of Indianapolis, Ind., have organized a system of city service by which they supply nurses on an hour's notice.

The Bohemian Girl, abounding as it does in tuneful melodies and beloved by all, was given by the Tuskegee Woman's Club as their annual entertainment.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Gordon was the first women of color to secure a responsible position with the Cleveland Athletic Club of Cleveland, Ohio. She has charge of the rest room and swimming pool where she has care of all the valuables worn by the wealthy visitors of the club.

Mrs. A. E. Malone, the proprietor of the Poro College of Hair Culture of St. Louis, is said to have 3,000 representatives using her system of hairdressing.

Mrs. Ella Barksdale Brown delivered three lectures upon colored topics in the free lecture course under the auspices of the Jersey City Board of Education.

Aunt Nancy, ninety years old, of Winchester, Va., has just made her first trip on a railroad car. She left on a visit to a daughter in Haver, Montana.

Miss Cornelius Durley founded a private maternity home, the first of its kind, in 1911. She was trained and graduated from a maternity hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

Miss May Moore was the first woman to start an orchestra at Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Moore is an accomplished pianist and usually has a violin, cornet, drum and cornet in the orchestra.

The Center, an organization of settlement workers, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, president, gave dresses, caps, aprons, handkerchiefs, gloves and underwear to the men, women and children who attended the Center during the year.

Miss Georgia Moore has charge of the incorrigible boys in Louisville, Ky. Throughout her career as a teacher she has made a study of childlife and her great success with this class of children is the result of looking into the individual cases. In almost all cases, what has been attributed to pure cussedness, has been the result of exposure or lack of food. These things being remeaed, the child's whole disposition is changed.

Mme. Anita Patti Brown sang for Signor F. Constantino, the eminent Spanish tenor and so pleased was he with her voice that he sent her the following letter:

My Dear Mrs. Brown:

I want to express my sincere appreciation of your singing for me yesterday. The sweet, natural quality of your voice and its flexibility should gain great triumph for you on the concert stage.

If it is your intention to make a concert tour of South America I trust that I will be fortunate enough to hear you again, as the perfect control of your high range is most delightful.

With my compliments and good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,
F. CONSTANTINO.

Dec. 18.

THE PASSING OF MRS. JENNIE GREEN BOWEN AND MRS. RHODA BUNCH, OF PORTSMOUTH, O.

Death came at 12:15 o'clock Tuesday morning to relieve the suffering of Mrs. Jennie Green Bowen, 1152 Twelfth street, who has been an invalid for the past fourteen weeks, suffering with a complication of diseases.

The deceased was the wife of Walter Bowen, former local policeman and now employed at the Portsmouth Veneer Company's plant. She was born thirty-nine years ago at Ashland, Ky., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Green. After her marriage several years ago she removed to this city, which has been her home ever since. Besides the bereaved husband she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Green, of Ashland, Ky., and three sisters and two brothers. The body was taken to Ashland, where the funeral services were held at her parents' home, Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, followed by interment in the Ashland cemetery.

Mrs. Rhoda Bunch, wife of Calvin Bunch, who resided at 1016 Eleventh street, died Sunday morning at 9 o'clock after several months' illness, brain fever being the immediate cause of death. Mrs. Bunch was 52 years old and leaves three children, Irene, Hazel and one son, Raymond. She also leaves one brother, Charles Kinney, of Pittsburgh, and two sisters, Alice and Carrie Kinney, of Ironton. The funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 1 o'clock from the A. M. E. church Rev. John Irvin officiating. Interment in Greenlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Bunch was a member of the Court of Calantha and the Household of Ruth. These organizations will have charge of the last rites of Mrs. Bunch. Mr. Bunch her husband, was a former local policeman.

Mrs. Joe Cranshaw has gone to see her grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Wagner, of Seaman, Ohio, she being very ill. She is one of the oldest citizens of the town her age being about 95 years.

Mrs. Maria Dixon wife of Louis Dixon, a resident of Georgia Station, passed away Wednesday morning after a short illness with pneumonia. Mrs. Dixon was 48 years old. The funeral services were held Thursday and interment was made in the Clay township cemetery.

The M. E. church, of which Rev. McCoomer is having grand success, is one of the nicest finished colored churches in the city since Rev. McCoomer and Mr. J. Lowe have repaired, papered and painted the inside.

The M. E. Ladies' Aid Society gave a chicken supper last Thursday evening and there was a large attendance and all enjoyed the supper.

Mrs. L. and A. Lucas, of Piketon, Ohio, spent two days here with their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lucas, of Thirteenth street.

The Arnetts entertained Wednesday evening at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, on Ninth street, to celebrate their second anniversary. Handsome embroidery work was on display. Several musical selections were rendered by Miss Cordella Cornutte, after which a dainty three-course luncheon was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. William Gooden, Mr. and Mrs. Gerfield Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Whitfield, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parker, Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, Mr. James Melvin, Ronald Parker, Mrs. George White, Ben Johnson, Harry Kinney, Charles Lucas, James Moore, James Heath, Roland Tanner, Sam Carr, Walter Vinson, Misses Unice and Emma Melvia.

Mr. Ben Hill, one of the nicest young men of the city, is spending a few days in Cincinnati with his nephew, Lawrence Shoumake, formerly of this city. It is reported that Ben has a good-looking intended down there, but the date has been kept to himself, but we will find out soon.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. William Hill, Mrs. B. Johnson, Anna White, B. Davis, "Mother" Watts, Laura Spaulding, L. Georgia, W. White, Tinnie Price and Mr. Charles Davis. All are some better.

Mr. James Melvin thinks he is the greatest man on earth because the stork left him another fine girl.

Miss Eltha Jones had a severe case of chickenpox and was very sick but is some better.

Mrs. G. Starks was very ill last week but is improving slowly.

The entertainment given at the home of Mrs. Frank Parker, on Waller street, was a very fine treat to all that attended it and an enjoyable evening was spent, after which the proceeds were paid to the janitor of the Pleasant Green Baptist church.

Mr. Joe Crenshaw and H. Turner celebrated their thirty-sixth birthday at the home of Mr. Crenshaw. After a very fine three-course dinner the evening was spent reviewing the good days they have had together. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crenshaw, Mrs. Mary Crenshaw and Aunt Bettie Davison.

Miss Mary Washington was able to attend church. She delivered a very fine talk on the colored children's day nursery and we know what a great work she is successfully doing.

The quarterly meeting at the M. E. church, of which Rev. McCoomer is pastor, was very well attended. Presiding Elder Bailey, whom we are always glad to have with us, as he always makes us feel like it is good to be present, gave a very interesting talk. After the offering was taken up the Lord's supper was spread and all the Christians were called up to the altar to eat of the body of the Lord and drink of His blood, remembering how He died that we might be saved from sin. At the evening services there were two babies baptized, Martha Lowe and Nellie Patterson, also Miss Clara Parsaw. May God bless the churches of this city that more may be baptized with the fire from on high. Let us pray.

Rev. J. Irvin, of the A. M. E. church, with the help of the Christians of the city, are gathering in souls for the Master. We are having the greatest meeting that we have ever held in this city and the sinners are crying to God to save them before it is too late. Old and young are finding the mercy-seat and the meetings are well attended. Last Sunday night there were about 225 present.

We are trying to make The Freeman a greater paper for our race. Please help me. Buy one every Sunday from the boys.

MOUND CITY, ILL.

The residence of Mr. Samuel Tidwell, an enterprising farmer on upper Main street, was almost totally destroyed by fire about 9 o'clock Wednesday night. The loss is estimated at $1,500. The fire caught from sparks in the flue. Property was insured.

At the last meeting of the Young Men's Pride, U. B. of F. Lodge No. 34, the following officers were installed for 1915: Nathan Kay, W. M.; Albert Mosley, D. M.; H. A. Moore, Secy.; Louis Jackson, Asst. Secy.; J. C. Steele, Treas.; John Nowlen, chaplain; Turner Brock, S. M.; Chester Brown, J. M.; A. Armstrong, R. S.; William Edney, L. S.; J. Weatherford, O. S.; J. Henderson, I. S. After the installation a reception was given to the sisters present.

The Peerless Club met Wednesday afternon with Mrs. N. C. Ware, and transacted business relative to the new year's work. The most important event was that the club became a member of the Christmas Saving Club now instituted at the First State Bank. The election of officers for next quarter will be held at Mrs. Lula Bolen's and the yearly program submitted. The next place of meeting.

The Household of Ruth No. 491 met Thursday afternoon and installed their newly elected officers for the year which are to-wit: Mrs. Francis Lindsay, M. N. G.; Mrs. N. C. Ware, R. N. G.; Mrs. Margrette Webb, N. G.; Mrs. N. G. Gren, P. M. G.; Mrs. Mary Campbell, W. R.; Mrs. Tempy Taylor, W. T.; Mrs. Dicey Parrish, W. P.; Mrs. Emma Fureuqa, W. U.; Mrs. Ruth Hughes, W. C.; Mrs. Mary Watts, W. C.; Mrs. G. V. Lane, W. S.; Trustees, Mrs. Maggie Tansil, Mrs. Maggie Brown and Mrs. Mary James.

Mr. D. B. Williams, an old citizen, passed away Saturday 9th, at the age of 77, after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held at the Main Street F. B. church with Revs. Green and Parrish officiating, and J. T. Chanault attending as undertaker. After which his remains were laid to rest in the National cemetery with military honors, the deceased having served in the civil war.

Mrs. Malinda Cochran has been very sick this week and is at present not much better.

DEDICATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, MORGANFIELD, KY.

The dedication program Tuesday evening of the Morganfield public school was a decided success. The county superintendent, Mr. Curry, was present and delivered a most splendid address. His subject was "Education." Mr. Wm. Couch and Rev. Davis also made appropriate short talks. The music rendered by the school children was highly applauded. Most of the leading patrons were present.

Mrs. Lucy Metcalfe, Miss Kizzie Higginson and Mr. Geo. Winston left Thursday morning to attend the Dist. Sunday school convention. Rev. Davis, Rev. Lnch and others left Friday to attend the F. B. Quarterly Conference.

Mrs. Millie Trigg and daughter, Mrs. Ora Johnson, of Danville, Ill., passed through enroute home from Madisonville, where they attended the funeral of their niece, Miss Irma Newcome. They spent the night with Mrs. Minerva Kelly Johnson.

Miss Josephine Higginson is agent for Wolf Bros. Giant Hair Straightener and Dryer Comb. She will be pleased to serve you. See her.

The last meeting of the County Teachers' Association will convene here Friday at the public school building. Quite an interesting program will be rendered. Also a spelling contest.

The K. of P.'s and Court of Calanthe officers for the ensuing term were installed last Thusday night at the F. B. church by Sir G. C. Wakefield and Mrs. Bell Hughes, after which a sumptuous repast was enjoyed by all present.

We hope you have resolved to read The Freeman all during this year and will give the agent your subscription at once.

Miss Mattie P. Given, of Chicago, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Arthur Compton was shot to death last Saturday night, the 16th, by her husband. The shooting occurred at their country home near this place. From meager reports jealousy was the cause of the killing She was better known as Viola Catlett.

DANVILLE, ILL., NEWS NOTES.

The Ministers' Alliance did not meet this week because of revival services at the several churches. .. Mrs. A. J. Parks, of 320 Seminary street, who underwent an operation last week at the Lakeview Hospital, is improving nicely. .. Rev. W. M. Brown, of Lahr street, is ill. .. The revival services at the Free Will Baptist church is progressing nicely. .. Miss Arizona Rachels, of Omaha, Neb., was called to this city last week by the illness of her mother. .. The Young Men's Lecture Bureau, an organization for the advancement of colored people, held their first business meeting of the year at their headquarters, 321 Van Buren street, January 11, at which time arrangements were made for a concert in the near future for the benefit of the organization. The outlook is bright and the members are much encouraged. The president, Barney Jackson, and others are working hard to make the Y. M. L. B a success. .. Miss Minnie Cheatham left last week for Nashville, Tenn., where she entered Walden University. .. Rev. Waller, who fell last week and sprained his back, has improved.. .Fidler & Shelton played the latter part of the week at the Lyric. .. For the Freeman and Crisis, call 3439, or 611 North Vermillion street.

KENOSHA, WIS.

(By P. R. Savilles.)

At the Virginian Theatre.

Tom Brown and Billy Johnson, in "Twenty Miles from Home" scored one of the biggest hits of the season during their three-day stand in Kenosha. The people of this city were so pleased with the show that the house was packed every night and it was the rush act in order to get a seat. The colored population reserved the same seats for the entire week of their stay. There was two shows in the evening, one at 7 p. m. and the other at 9 p. m. and the applause at times was so annoying that it was impossible to hear what was going on. The hunting trip of Slocum Bonaparte and I. C. Nickels was quite interesting in the dividing of what was shot on the trip. Mr. Bonaparte short, the important game, but the Bull Moose he was willing that I. C. Nickles should have the Bull Moose, for he said it would be a long time before he would see another Bull Moose. Costumes worn by Mattie Wilkes was complimented all over the theater. "Let 'em Roll" by Tom Brown, was enjoyed by the theater as it was packed. The "Baseball Rag" song, by Lottie Gee and the "Revival Day" song, by Leona Marshall, was credited as the best songs sung in Kenosha at the Virginian this year. The Brown and Johnson and Company have the best wishes of all the people of old Kenosha for a prosperous year, and hope to have them next season. The manager of the theater was much pleased with them as a drawing card.

A Madison Negro Retained in Service by New Republican Governor.

Mr. Samuel Banks, of Madison, Wis., was re-appointed messenger in the executive office. Gov. E. L. Philipp has proven to the colored people of Wisconsin that he wants to do something for the Negro race. Mr. Banks being faithful to duties in which he is appointed. He won favor through politeness and willingness to be of service, and when the new administration came in he was so highly recommended by Gov. McGovern to Gov. Philipp. Mr. Banks was one of the best known colored men in Milwaukee. He was born in Kentucky and is like all Kentuckians, makes good whereever they may go. His duties are to attend to the mail and greet visitors. At times he has lectured to groups of visitors on points of interest in the capitol. He is a leader among colored people of Madison and has attended several Afro-American gatherings as their delegate. The colored people of Wisconsin wish Mr. Banks much success under the new governor and also thank the governor for the good deed he has done. Now if Mr. Banks is not a reader of The Freeman please subscribe for it by mailing P. R. Savilles, Box 112, Kenosha, Wis., $1.50 and receive the Freeman for one year. I thank you, Mr. Banks, for the order.

Mrs. W. Sheppard and Miss Etta Blackburn gave a surprise party on Mrs. William Walton, of 675 Fleet street. The affair was gotten up very quietly and taxicab was used in going to and coming from the party. The service was extended to the party by Mr. Art Dodge. There was twelve couples present and they all spent a pleasant evening.

Mrs. W. A. Guest and her two daughters, of 909 Bemis street, Grand Rapids, Mich., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carter, 52 Pleasant street. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Carter are making it very pleasant for Mrs. Guest and daughters.

NEWS OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

Ben Osbond, a successful restaurant man, died a few days ago, leaving a son fourteen years of age, a mother and a host of friends to mourn his demise. He was a member of the American Woodman and Masonic orders in good standing. A good estate falls to his son and mother. .. Don't fail to read The Freeman. It is full of good news for all. .. The wedding bells are ringing their chimes in Beaumont. .. Miss Lucile B. Wade, of Chicago, formerly of Beaumont and one of our highly esteemed girls, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Green at 153 Jackson street. Miss Wade left here four years ago for school. All were glad to see her familiar face, especially her old suitors. Mrs. Trayler, her sister, accompanied her from Houston, Texas. Miss Wade and her sister, Mrs. Trayler, will be the guests of honor at the Just a Few Social Club and at Miss Effie Harrison's, 1407 Erving avenue. Mr. S. H. Hamilton and Mrs. Marie Jackson, of the north end of the city, were married Wednesday night. Mr. Hamilton has his own home—no rent to pay. Mrs. Jackson has a nice bank account.

MISS MARIE C. JAMES IN SONG RECITAL.

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Musical richness was added to the holiday season by the splendid song recital on Friday evening at Mount Carmel Baptist church by that brilliant mezzo-contralto artist, Miss Marie C. James. The spacious auditorium was filled with Miss James' admirers from all sections of the District, and represented the culture and melody-loving spirit of the best element of our cosmopolitan capital. Miss James' recitals have become annual events and are looked forward to with anticipations of the highest pleasure. Well informed musicians unite in saying that on this occasion the fair diva appeared at her best and that her voice gave evidence of the steady improvement that comes only from earnest application and the use of methods that bring out the true beauty of the vocal organ.

With a technique that many of the world's most famous opera queens might envy, she handles her arias, trills, cadenzas, as well as the sustained passages, with an ease and precision that stamps her as a genius. She not only renders the notes clearly, but possesses a dramatic fervor and personal enthusiasm that thrills her hearers and portrays the soulful purpose and spiritual meaning of the composer. Handsomely gowned, Miss James' natural charms were set off to marked advantage, and having always a delightful stage presence and a smile that places her in sympathetic accord with her audience, she presented a picture that pleased and interested, changing with the demands of the variegated repertoire selected for the evening.

The program was unusually rich and admirably balanced, embracing a range of music that ran the gamut of the old masters, lightened here and there with a dainty bit of melody that showed the ability of the singer to handle with equal skill the grave and gay. Miss James indicated rare patience and also full knowledge of the history of her songs by having appear on the printed folder a brief description of the story leading up to the incident she is to narrate, together with a word touching the circumstances under which the lyric was written. This is a consideration that few artists think of, and a feat of which all are not capable, through lack of information on these important points.

Her principal selections (and for the finished rendition of which she was warmly praised by such eminent authorities as Mr. Sidney Lloyd Wrightson, of the Washington College of Music, Mrs. Theresa A. Williams, a local singer of note, and others), were Donizetti's "O Mio Fernando," Beethoven's "Adelaide," "Who is Sylvia" (Schubert), and Coleridge-Taylor's "Rainbow Child," "Lo, Here the Gentle Lark" (Bishop), "Florian Song" (Godard), and "Hark! Hark! The Lark!" met with instantaneous appreciation likewise. Miss James has studied long and well under trained instructors and the fruits of her conscientious labors are vividly shown in her rising stature in the musical world and in the increasing recognition, year by year, which the good people of Washington offer her through their attendance at these recitals. Nearly two hundred prominent citizens' names appeared on the program as patrons.

The estimable artists assisting Miss James were Miss Mary L. Europe, pianist; Miss Gregoria A. Frazer, accompanist, and Mrs. Emma Lee Williams, dramatic reader, and all their work was heartily appreciated. Rev. W. H. Jernagin is a friend to the race and his sturdy efforts contributed in a large measure to the splendid success achieved. For next season's recital several churches are already in the field and Miss James will have a wide range of choice as to the section of the city or the denomination which she will favor with her entertainment. Numerous demands come to her for out-of-town engagements for concerts, but being a teacher in the public schools her opportunities for going far are limited to the vacation periods. She will, however, fill a few dates from time to time in the vicinity of Washington between now and the Eastertide, and will assist locally in some special musical affairs. That Miss James has a brilliant future before her is not doubted; and, best of all, she eminently deserves the great success that has come to her.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

(By Nellie Early, 565 Sharp street.)

The Y. M. M. Jacksonville baseball club will start working about the last of February. They challenge any team in Illinois. .. Mr. Robert Morton, the efficient table waiter, is waiting table at Hall's Cafe on West Morgan street. .. Mr. Chestine Mason is at his old stand, waiting table at the Dunlap Hotel. .. Mr. Thomas Glass, of Decatur, Ill., returned home. He was accompanied by his children. .. Flowers were sent by the Mt. E. B. Church members for Mrs. Scrugg's funeral at Monmouth, Ill. .. A very successful fish fry was given January 19 at the A. M. E. Church. .. Rev. Noland and wife were entertained January 19 at Mrs. S. Hobb's at an excellent supper.

MIAMI, FLA.

The Rabbit Foot Company.

The annual midwinter ball, given in honor of The Rabbit Foot Company, was a rare treat and was enjoyed by all the music loving people of the city. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Marcus L. Veal, of the above company, rendered excellent music, all the latest dances, including the onestep, hesitation and tango, the latter being featured by Freddie Pratt of The Rabbit Foot Company, and Miss Gertrude Massey, of this city.

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Booker T. Washington says: "We have gone a long way to lynching women for whipping a man." Ain't it the truth?

It is to be hoped that when a white policeman beats up a white man or a colored man without excuse he will pay the cost as LaRue, the colored policeman, is paying the cost.

Jack Johnson is taking some chances in coming to Mexico for his scheduled fight with Willard. What has been said may only be a big game of bluff. All the same, it might come off as it is being put out.

The lynching business is brisk; several cases since January 1st. What we need is a big Zeppelin to dump on the mob when it is real busy. Doubtless it would feel greatly offended, never for once thinking of the golden rule.

Some Bob Scanlon, a colored American lightweight of New York, has been made a second lieutenant in one of the Algerian regiments in the service of France. He got a promotion for "spectacular and courageous service." Wherever there's a "cullud gemmens" from the U. S. A. you may expect something startling.

A few years ago the Western negroes were surprised in knowing that New York was getting its first negro policeman, Mr. Battles, we believe, by name. Cincinnati now springs a surprise in that for the first time it is possible for that city to have negroes in the fire department. O, well, there must be a first time for everything.

About the Harry Thaw case; something was due him for standing up for his home. In Kentucky they think very well of a man who even thinks he is defending his home, and that comes mighty nigh being human nature. Mr. White was not free from some kind of inexcusable intanglement in Mr. Thaw's domestic affairs. The general public is of the opinion that he has answered fully for as much crime as he committed. He is entitled to a credit or so toward his discharge.

The management of the exposition celebrating the semi-centenial anniversary of negro freedom will get $150,000 for promoting it if Senator Sherman, of Illinois, is successful in his bill introduced in the Senate last week for that purpose. The exposition will be held in Chicago if the plans carry. There is no reason, that can be seen at this time, why there should not be success. Chicago knows how to put things through in a big way. When it says come on it is worth while going.

Mayor Spiegel, of Cincinnati, has made a hit with the colored people of that city. He has ordered the word white stricken from the rules of qualification for the fire department. Not long ago the civil service examination threw out six applications of negroes, which had been filed. The mayor, in discussing the incident said: "That so long as he is mayor there will be no distinctions in race or color in applications for public positions.' The mayor is eminently right in refusing to recognize race, color or previous condition of servitude as barring citizens from the rights that belong to citizens.

The mob seems to have been angered in that it had not done as much devilment within the last year or so as it had formerly done. It seems to have made up its mind to start the year right. It did so by having a quadruple lynching, blotting out an entire negro family. This was at Monticello, Ga., where two colored men and two colored women were lynched, accused of having assaulted an officer. The deed, however, is being condemned by those who can help most in such matters. We have won these through the "monster," and which is an offset to its doings. It will not linger long under the lash of public chastening.

Dr. Henry L. E. Johnson, of Washington, D. C., President of the American Colonization Society, was recently decorated with the Liberian Humane Order of African Redemption for meritorious service. A year or so ago $67,000 was turned over to that country, the republic of Liberia, the accumulated interest from the funds left by the late Caroline Donovan, of Baltimore. The money will be used for educational purposes. There are only a few of the medals in this country, perhaps, not over three or four. They are of African gold, beautiful in design, executed in Europe. Bishop A. Walters, of the A. M. E. Zion church, is one of the proud possessors.

The Crisis has it that editor Trotter has been lecturing in the East and Middle West on his experiences at the White House. We don't like the subject. It is too much like trading off of the event. Lecturing on segregation and other civil injustice may not be such attractive themes, but they are the proper ones. The happening was important, but not at all mercenary. We hope Mr. Trotter will not carry out the idea of coining it into dollars and thus defeat the thought of his sincerity. If he can earn dollars by talking segregation all so well and good. But when it comes to talking about what the President said to me and what I said to him, it is altogether different.

That there is absolutely no reason, necessity or excuse for this law which certain members of Congress are trying to pass all thoughtful people must realize. The author of the bill himself when asked on the floor of the House how many mixed marriages were there in the District replied: "I do not know how many there are, but they are very considerable, and there ought not be any." By this answer he showed that he had not considered the actual facts involved important enough to be investigated—The New York Age.

And to think that one citizen presumes to deal out law to another one that he would not deal out to himself.

POLICEMAN LARUE SENT TO JAIL.

It appears that Ralph LaRue, the colored policeman, who was charged with assault and battery on C. M. C. Willis, the colored undertaker, will have to do his thirty days in the county jail or some part of the time. LaRue assaulted a citizen, a thing the community is now very much against, and as it should be. We are not against the policemen; they must do their duty, and they must be prepared to do it. But it is also their duty to keep violent hands off of the citizens unless they are refractory—unless they are ugly, unmanageable. The Willis-LaRue case is rather complicated, but in the end the policeman assaulted the undertaker. It is not charged that Mr. Wilis was offensive other than speaking up for his son, who had been slashed by LaRue's son.

Perhaps something of a quarrel ensued, but it was up to LaRue to keep the peace. He had all the advantage. He had his fighting weapons on him; he was the law, consequently he could have arrested Mr. Willis had there been occasion. He did not do this, but proceeded to beat him up because he felt that way. Happily, Mr. Willis had the courage to haul him up before the court else another case of needless beating by an official would have been added to the long list.

There is much to be said in the interest of the policemen, and as the old saw of years ago said, "A policeman's lot is not a happy one." The public has but the one great fault to charge against them; it is that of clubbing men without cause. And why should they when the arrested men are at their mercy? But they think, some of them, that they must "dab" them one for speaking up—for declaring their innocence and so forth. The policemen should not care if men talked their heads off so long as they have them safely in custody.

THE SUFFRAGE IN GEORGIA.

The Atlanta Institution recently had it that the voters in Georgia can no longer avail themselves of the exemptions of the so called "grandfather clause" in registering. The "grandfather clause" expired of its own limitation January 1, 1915; it exempted a veteran or legal descendant of a veteran from all qualifications to vote except the payment of taxes. While the clause did not mention negroes directly, it operated against them. White and black are now admitted to the polls upon the same footing.. The information is extremely gratifying. We have no reason to suspect it is other than that the publication sets out. The makers of those constitutions said that the purpose was to prepare the electorate for an intelligent use of the ballot. They were doubted at that time. But little by little it is cropping out that the new constitutionalists had a method in their madness; that they meant what they said when they declared that the then present electorate was to be purged in the interests of its civil and political intelligence and discernment.

We may be hasty in concluding that the time of fulfillment is now, simply because of what has happened in Georgia. But what has happened is extremely hopeful, and without doubt an agreeable surprise to many negroes who thought the old order still in force. Perhaps those men, framers of the new constitutions, were more thoughtful than we thought. Perhaps they promised nothing that was extravagant, nor with the thought of pushing back the suffrage opportunity at the expiration of the time limit of tests by substituting other subterfuges. That the negroes in Georgia vote under the same restrictions as the white men in Georgia is all that can be asked, whether those restrictions may be, just so thy are not such that negroes cannot qualify under them.

SEGREGATION, A MISCHIEF BREEDER.

The segregation business in Baltimore has brought out the fact that the colored people rent their homes by the week. It has also shown that they are paying more rent for their houses than the white people, who formerly lived in them. This seems to be the rule most everywhere. The eagerness of the colored people to live in good homes and the disposition of the white owners to keep them out of them force up the prices. It is plain to see that the segregation business is a mischief breeder for the negroes. It must be steadily fought or it will crystalize, fixing the race in an isolated social state from which it will be very difficult to escape, if at all possible.

Far away India has those horrid castes' estates, and unescapable as the leopard from his spots. The negroes are merely insisting on the citizens' place in general society, not intermarriage or social contact. They wish to come and go as others come and go, under the government of conventional laws, and under the enactments of the state. They do not wish to be persecuted and then insulted and maltreated for resenting it.

From what is taking place now and then, here and there, we have reason to think that we are finally on the road to the utmost citizenship in spite of this hateful pause—segregation. It is not owing to a general demand. The white people, true enough, manifest no objection to it, but they do not demand it. Politicans, property renters and real estate men are the ones who are most interested in this latest phase of discrimination, feeling that they have the moral indorsement or the sympathy of the white people whether they express themselves or not. Thus the malevolent few are bargaining the race off because it is so easy to do.

We, the candidates, and unwilling, for the new fate will find it necessary never to recognize this supremacy, just as the Popes of Rome refuse to bow to temporal supremacy. We have nothing to do with the virtue of their quarrel; we have in mind the historic stubbornness, the eternal declaration of a principle. Whatever hapens to us as our fate that differs from the fate of other men is not to be recognized, although enduring it. This is the nobility of kings, popes, saints and martyrs, and those ultra patriots who would not deflower the fame of their country by imposing a single condition on another man that they themselves would not endure.

A NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK.

By the advice and with the consent of executive committee of the National Negro Business League, Dr. Booker T. Washington has invited a number of organizations to join in what is called a National Health Week, to be observed March 21 to 27, 1915. Among those concerns which have, so far, been invited to co-operate are: daily and weekly newspapers, health journals, The National Medical Association, The National Association of Graduate Nurses, The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, the National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, The National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, The National Negro Press Association, the bishops and other officers of colored religious denominations, state medical associations, annual church conferences and associations, secret society organizations, colored insurance companies, farmers' conferences, farmers' improvement societies, churches, schools and other local organizations and state health officers.

Dr. Washington's circular letter cites some startling statistics concerning the health of the negroes. He says: "In the South alone 450,000 negroes are seriously ill all the time; the annual cost of sickness of these 450,000 negroes is $75,000,000.

112,000 negro workers in the South alone are sick all the time; their annual loss in earnings is $45,000,000; 45 per cent of annual deaths among negroes are preventable.

225,000 negroes in the South alone die annually; 100,000 of these deaths can be prevented.

The annual funeral expenses of negroes in the South alone amount to $15,000,000; $6,500,000 of this amount could be saved.

Sickness and deaths cost negroes of the South alone $100,000,000 annually; $50,000,000 of this amount could be saved." He concludes, saying: "We must reduce our death rate, dethrone diseases and enthrone health and long life. We may differ on other subjects, but there is no room for differences here. Let us make a strong, long, united pull together."

Perhaps the array of facts and figures in the best preachment in the interest of a national health week. We take it that the conditions spoken of are greatly abormal, and indeed alarming. Our race has long since been accused of a very high death rate, so high that some insurance companies insist on higher rates for insurance among us. In fact, it has been predicted more than one time, that the negroes were actually dying out.

The race is not dying out, but it is reasonably sure that the death rate is higher than that of the white race. The white people are doing their best at fighting down diseases of all kinds—the greatest philanthropy of the age. We think the greatest good, although of a homely nature, is relieving the distresses of the afflicted, yea, to forestall the distresses. As much as we may do we will not totally uproot sickness and disease. We can, however, keep sickness to the lowest point, thus making for sound minds in sound bodies, and which makes for individual and racial efficiency.

Health preservation at once suggests cleanliness, and with us cleanliness means something additional to health. Objections have often been made to negro premises, the surroundings of negro homes, on the ground that they were not well kept, and the objections have often been based on facts, thus making the route of segregation easy. That the condition is vastly improved within the last ten years is true enough, but we made that first bad and lasting impression. This was not the whole of the objection to us, of course. We offend largely in being negroes; then to have unsanitary traits, a thing which we can control, added hurt to our already unenviable plight.

We lacked at the beginning the main necessities for the best conduct of our domestic life. This is now rapidly changing, and conditions are expected to change accordingly. They are changing it must be said in compliment to the race, but they must stay put, as Mr. Roosevelt is charged with having said of our flag. Our physicians are in abundance; they are equipped with sanitary information; they give it out freely. The thing to do it to obey it—look and live. In this matter we can make progress in two directions at once. We can strike at legislation; we can buoy up our health.

We greatly approve of this helpful agency, the national health movement. The health of the present day is the peace of the future. It is no less the peace of the present day, since the effect is also immediate. We hope that the appeal of the National Business League and Dr. Washington will not go unheeded. They are in accord with the age in making for long happy lives, banishing as far as possible, the things that makes existence dreary and undesirable.

HURTING THE STATE.

The announcement that Judge J. B. Park and Solicitor General Joseph E. Pottle, of the Ocmulgee circuit, are investigating the details of the recent lynching, and that official action will probably be taken by the executive department, is significent as indicating that the enormity of this horrible offense is so impressing itself upon the officials of the state as to lend encouragement to the hope that the perpetrators will be brought to justice and punished as they should be.

Nothing that has happened in this state in many, many years has provoked such universal condemnation as the Jasper county lynching, in which two negro men and two women were taken from the jail and summarily executed by a mob, the victims having been accused of operating a blind tiger, and of assaulting an officer who caught them in the act.

The offenders should have been punished for violating the law and they undoubtedly would have been convicted through the usual process of law. But to resort to lynch law under these conditions is a lapse into brutality and barbarity which every decent Georgian must condemn.

It is a sad commentary upon law and order and the administration of justice in this state if such a thing can happen without the offenders being brought to justice.

Things of this kind smear the good name of the state and seriously react against its business, its prosperity, and its devolopment.

Can an outrage of this kind go unpunished in Georgia? If so, something is seriously wrong with the state.—Editorial in Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

IF YOU WANT TO BE KNOWN GET IN THE FREEMAN.

Jackson Miss, Jan. 25, 1915.

Hon. Geo. L. Knox, Indianapolis, Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Friend—This will say that I am now at home in the midst of our work here. Our school is full and we are enthusiastic despite the financial stringency. I have told our people of the great time I had in your city and of the interest and sympathy expressed by the people of Indianapolis.

I found that after I came to Chicago we could not come back via Indianapolis. We came south via Carbondale and Memphis. The Freeman account of my meeting was a great one. I received letters from as far North as New York telling me of what had been read in The Freeman about me, which means that if you want the people to know about you, get in touch with The Freeman.

With kindest regards to you and yours, in which Mrs. Vernon joins me, I am,

Yours very truly,
W. T. VERNON.

IN OLD PADUKE.

Palmer House Dining Hall and Kitchen Open Again—City's Free Soup Is Plenty Good for Many—Will Exchange Patients—Gaines' Movies—Stark Visits the South Side.

(By J. J. Amos, 1063 North 7th St.)

Special to The Freeman.

PADUCAH, Ky., Jan. 28.—Being closed for nearly a month, the Palmer House dining hall has opened for business. The kitchen is now in the basement. A new cooking outfit has been installed. The Palmer is now equal to many hotels of larger cities.

Just before the holidays, Mayor Hazelip, with the co-operation of the city officers, made arrangements at the City Hall, whereby the hundreds of unemployed and those who had nothing to eat could get their soup twice a day. Seemingly, this free business was abused, now to grease your palate with this good you must present your card, which is given you at City Hall. On this card you must have your address, name, place of employment, etc.

Recently the Riverside hospital and the County Sanitarium, through Commissioner of Public Safety, Geo. C. Wallace and County Judge Jas. M. Lanz, reached an agreement that is very interesting to both institutions, that is, a patient of the Riverside, when well enough, can be taken to the Sanitarium, and Sanitarium subjects, when in need of medical attention, will be received and cared for at the Riverside.

During the past two weeks Mr. Gaines and his associate, Mr. Thompson, have been entertaining crowds at the different churches, with several reels of motion pictures of which the public approved.

The coal man is not the only welcome caller in Old Paduke, particularly on the South Side. Last Sunday, January 24, in the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the faithful stork called at 1204 South Fourth street, leaving a fine girl baby with Mr. and Mrs. John Rhodes. The happy parents are busy receiving congratulations.

Mrs. Birdie Hopson, 440 South Eighth street, returned last week from Metropolis, Ill., where she spent a pleasant visit to her mother, Mrs. Bettie Hodge.

Mr. Bud Williams, who was with J. C. O'Brien's Minstrels, is now fattening here at home. "Daddy" as he is known on the stage, is as Budish as ever! He sends 1915 greetings to all the stage folks.

A Correction.

Prof. G. W. Jackson, of Paducah, has a position as superintendent of Lincoln school in Louisville, and not at Zanesville, as was read in last week's issue.

Miss Harbirnae Lunderman entertained at whist at home, Washington street, recently, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Dan Curry's birthday anniversary. A delightful three course luncheon was served the guests. Prof. Montgomery's light orchestra rendered the popular music numbers.

Get The Freeman from Amos.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

(Mrs. Mary W. A. Reed.)

Mrs. Smith, of St. Louis, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Long.

Mrs. Louise Jordan, principal of the graded school of Auburn, and her assistant, Miss Willie Silvey, were the guests of Mrs. Yarrborough, of W. Main street.

The Twentieth Century Art Club met at the residence of Mrs. Alice Drains, on Second street, last Thursday evening.

Interesting literary programs are rendered every Friday evening at 7:30 in the Bowling Green Academy chapel, on State street, by the students. All are invited to attend.

Prof. Evans, a teacher in State street High School, after having been ill with lagrippe the past week, is again able to be out. During his absence Miss Joe Anna Morton supplied in the school.

Mrs. Hazel Keel is much improved after a severe attack of lagrippe.

Miss Madine Fishback, of Russellville, has returned to her home after a severals days' visit with friend in Bowling Green.

FRATERNAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED AT WILBERFORCE, O.

The Delta Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Nu Fraternity was established at Wilberforce University on January 22. The initiating team, composed of Messrs. E. W. Diggs, W. E. Stewart and Sylvester H. DuValle. Thirteen members were initiated into the mysteries of the Fraternity. The honorary ones being Dean G. H. Jones, Profs. D. W. Woodard, B. H. Green, and A. J. White and the active ones, L. Simpson, W. B. Johnson Jr., C. E. Hunter, M. E. Jackson, W. G. Still, R. L. Crawford, O. H. Sweet, G J. Gaines and L. W. Turner.

On the evening of January 23, an elaborate stag was given at the Tawawa Hotel, at which all the above named members were present and enjoyed themselves very much.

DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS

(Freeman Headquarters, 2922 Cochran St., Phone Haskell 6956.)

(By Col. J. G. Griffin.)

Business activity looming up. The unemployed being placed into jobs. Several old residenters passed away. The grim reaper visiting many homes. Hard times are far-reaching, pressing the many out in the mud, cold, rain and snow. The wood, coal and grocerymen are in sympathy with the unfortunate ones of both races. The real estate men of the city plan a reduction in rents, while some shacks that are too bad to be rented should be torn down, are to be seen here and there loaded down with rent signs. Our people should stop the renting of these dilapidated shacks, as they only cause those who occupy them to pay out their money for medicine, doctor bill and often the undertaker, or be on the generous public spirited citizens. We have a large number of our people who think too much of themselves to join some lodge, society or the weekly benefit associations, because of the large number of plain, common people who are members of them, which is a disgrace to their high standing, so we hear on our rounds. They would rather have a public contribution asked for after death. When all classes are supposed to be present to chip in. Consistency, thou art a jewel, and leave it to your judgment, dear readers, choose and join something, stay in something in order that when such times come your members and friends can freely weep and relatives mourn, not at the expenses as is too often the case when some of our people die.

You and your friends are cordially invited to be at the campfire entertainment given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Griffin, Monday night, February 1, 1915, benefit of the Boy Cadet Company No. 1 of Texas, to assist them in their payment on their K. of P. uniforms, etc. 2922 Cochran street is the place. Be there if you like fun and pleasure.

The past week's sensationals grew beyond human comparison to the populace of the metropolis. The drag net of the law was full to overflow and happenings that were unprintable were freely disclosed in the courts of Dallas citizenry concerning some of the ups of society. Thus the air is full of if Ide So and So which is too bad, but just must be sometimes.

The ramins of Rev. Wm. Estus, age 83, was laid to rest in Oak Cliff, Station A, the past week, from El Bethel Baptist church.

The remains of Rev. Wm. Estus, age laid to rest from Macedonia Baptist church last Thursday afternoon. Rev. S. E. J. Watson officiated.

The demise of Mr. Ralph Lightner is much regretted by his Masonic brothers and a wide scope of friends here and elsewhere. Services were held at St. Paul M. E. church last Sunday. Pastor Weakly assisted by other preachers preached, the funeral services were conducted by the Masonic lodges of the city.

Mrs. Bennie Campbell, of Oklahoma City, was the guest of Mrs. Beatrice Curtis, 2917 Commercial street, and relatives in Booker Washington addition, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, the grocer. Mrs. Campbell was shown many places of interest while here, before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Locus were kindly remembered by the officers, members and friends of Macedonia Baptist church last Friday night who stormed them with an abundance of choice good things to eat on account of Mr. Locus, who has been sick nearly one year.

Mrs. James Tonette is visiting her old home, Shreveport, after a few months' stay in the metropolis.

W. Washington, the shoe repairer, can fix up those old shoes.

Mrs. Jack Tiggs is up after several days' illness.

The Afro-Americans of Dallas, Tex., are forging to the front in paying their poll tax, while the doubting Thomases are looking on.

The following amounts have been subscribed into the citizens' club for to further the cause by these big hearted men: J. H. Dixon, president, $25.00; P. Frazier, $10.00; S. T. Simpson, $5.85; A. S. Wells, $5.00; A. R. Pryor, $2.00; C. B. Smith, $2.00; D. F. Powell, $2.00; Dr. M. H. Leach, $2.00; D. W. Whittaker, $2.00; Fayette Buchanan, $5.00; H. L. Streeter, $1.00; Chas. F. Reed, 50c; Edd Adams, $1.00; W. Williams, $1.00; W. O. Lewis, $1.00; J. B. Jefferson, $1.00; H. Smith, $1.00. All kinds of appeals have been put before the men and much good has been the result, and more before the closing day is expected. Will you be a man or not is the slogan. We are thankful to those who have expressed words of encouragement to others in the interest of The Freeman. Also for the many words concerning the improvements in the paper. We hope to further please you all and make our department pay. Our new patrons: Mr. J. B. Jefferson, J. A. Patton, Mrs. M. E. English, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Franklin, Mrs. Florence Morrison, Mr. Henry Thomas, r. J. Booker, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thomas, Mrs. M. T. Grove, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Clark. The ways of the transgressors are hard and so are those who fail to make good their promise to the Freeman man. We will no longer serve you on your promises. It's war times. It takes the cash to move things of value. The Freeman takes the liberty to call the public attention to some of the men in Dallas who are doing something. From this issue on from time to time: Mr. S. Letheridge, 1203 Adair street, who is in the wood, coal and ice business and by his genial business qualities is steadily forging to the front. His many customers cover Dallas, for which he is proud with it. He can be seen day and night pushing his business for which he is ever on the alert. It's time for the race to wake up and get busy pushing their own enterprises.

Father Dorsey has held several interesting meetings all the week and they grow with the public here in interest each day that he has been in our midst. They have had a review in what it takes to be a Catholic.

Mr. Nelson Jones is back on duty after several days lay off with lagrippe.

State Grand Master Bledsoe, of U. B. of F., of Texas, was here paying off the interest on the temple last Saturday. He informed the reporter that business and not folly was what the orders of today needed most. He said we have one hundred thousand dollars and one in reserve for our people in Texas, which is as surprising to the insurance commissioner as it is to most of the big lodge leaders of Texas. The B. of F. & S. M. T. is all that their name implies for good and that is business.

Mrs. Jennie Stokes, the mother of Mr. Rector Patterson, and Miss Annie Stokes, passed away last Sunday morning from a stroke of paralysis. A host of relatives and friends were at her funeral, which was held at Eavenings Chapel C. M. E. church. Services were under the auspices of Pearly Rose Tabernacle K. & D. of Tabors last Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Langford officiated.

Be with all the uniform rank K. of P. boys next Monday night, February 1, at the residence of the colonel. Campfire entertainment.

A UNITED STATES PRISONER WILL HELP FEED THE STARVING WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF BELGIUM.

George B. Wright, who is now a prisoner in the United States penitentiary at Levenworth, Kans., has written a fifty-thousand work book, the title of same is his "Two Years' Experience in the Model Prison of the World."

Mr. Wright was formerly the president and manager of a large fruit growers' association, who fought hard against dishonest commission men, who have robbed the growers and farmers in many states, and compelled the consumers of many cities to pay unreasonable prices for fruit and produce.

While compelled to be confined in prison and associated with "National Bank Wreckers," white slavers, highwaymen, and all sorts of men charged with crime, Mr. Wright has found time to write his very interesting book, going into detail of every department of the U. S. Prison, giving bill of fares of how "Uncle Sam" feeds U. S. P. boys, also showing many inside and outside views of the prison. This book should be in the homes of every father and mother, as contents therein, would have a good effect on all young men, and may save them from prison.

Mr. Wright will buy food with one-half of the money received from his book sales. As fast as the money is received it will be sent to the "Belgian Consul," in Chicago, to be forwarded by him to the "Belgian Red Cross." The balance of the money will be used to pay for publication, distribution, etc. Mr. Wright now has letters on file, of his former standing, from governors, U. S. senators, and U. S. congressmen.

This book will be sent prepaid on the receipt of one dollar ($1.00), which should be sent to Miss I. B. Bishop, Secretary, Leavenworth, Kan., who has charge of all orders for this exceptional work. Do your part to help feed a few starving women and children. Send for a book today, and learn how it would feel to be in "Uncle Sam's" Prison.

STREATOR, ILL., NEWS.

Mrs. William Hale, of Putman, Ill., was in town Sunday visiting his friends.

The ladies cleaning club of the A. M. E. church gave an entertainment Tuesday, January 26. A large program was rendered.

Miss Pansy Lemne, of Kansas City, is home visiting her parents.

For The Freeman see J. H. Simmons, 611 East Main street.

Bethel Progress Literary Society met Thursday, January 28 at A. M. E. The discussion was the acheivement of the Negro race in forty years.

Mrs. Mary Martin was a visitor of Pontiac, Ill., Saturday.

Mr. Homer Gardner is opening a picture show and pool room in Spring Valley, Ill.

Rev. J. L. Sundares, of Gary, Ind., will preach at Second Baptist church Sunday 31st.

GULFPORT, MISS., NEWS.

(By The Freeman Bureau, 2902 13th St., P. O. Box 538.)

Mrs. Frankie Cook, the brilliant daughter of Mr. Henry, and Mrs. M. L. James, is still seriously ill at their home, 2108 Third avenue. Her many friends deeply regret her illness and pray for her recovery.

The famous "Possum Club" held their grand midwinter opening entertainment in North Gulfport last Wednesday night and it is credited with being the foremost social effort of the season. Refreshments were sumptuously served after which dancing was in order until the wee small hours. Although the toastmaster, Mr. Jesse Downs, was unable to be present, many toasts were brilliantly responded to and the superior, Mr. Phillip Blackshier, covered himself with glory in a great speech. It was a masterly effort. Mr. F. H. Harvey responded ably to his toast "At Home," and though one of the guests of honor he painted the most beautiful pictures of domestic happiness and has made himself a permanent fixture in the "Possum Club." Capt. D. J. Stokes, of the old guard, was the hero of the hour. Coming up through many victories conquering the unconquered his presence demonstrated the fact that he is yet one of the "boys," and yet their idol.

Mr. Louis Harden, the popular and old reliable bellman at the Great Southern Hotel, is still holding his end of the rope. "Jack" is a fine boy and well thought of by all and especially the girls.

The colored Episcopalians met at the Episcopal church (white) last Thursday night, and after an able address by the rector, Dr. H. H. Sneed, the plans for organization and the establishment of a colored church were perfected. Gulfport is to be congratulated upon this addition to her list of places of worship. The race is greatly indebted to the Episcopal church chiefly supported by our white friends for the great good accomplished and great influence it has wielded in our behalf. Members of all churches should lend their encouragement to this new sister church that our people and community may be better morally and spiritually. Col. Roby and Mr. S. C. Cotton are due much credit for their good work in making this organization a certainty. Bishop Bratton of this diocese will visit Gulfport during the coming month and confirm the first class. You are invited to be present and take part.

You should call on Mr. E. R. Page when you want a nice team or a speedy automobile. He can serve you on any and all occasions. Telephone 292, corner 30th avenue and Railroad.

Mr. Archie Lightfoot, special agent for the "National Waiters' Guide," is doing some splendid work in Gulfport and vicinity for that publication. Mr. Lightfoot is popular and well known to the hotel craft and is the right man to represent the magazine.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY WARREN GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

Special to Freeman.

Miss Viola Morgan, of Dallas, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ida Amoson on south St. John street.

Mrs. Ora Hisbon and Miss Dovie Brown, who visited their father last week in Denison, have returned home.

Mrs. Ellen Johnson, of Dallas, was the guest of Mrs. Cordia Strickland last week.

Miss Lula Lee was called to McKenney last Monday to attend the funeral of her father.

Miss Mary Holt, of Persal, Okla., is visiting Mrs. Eddie Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Colors have returned home from Sulpur Springs, after a Christmas visit with Mrs. Color's mother, Mrs. L. Hollensworth.

Mrs. J. A. Lindley has returned home from Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Hattie Amos is convalescing.

Mrs. Lizzie Palmer is slowly recovering from a long illness.

Mrs. Willie McCain, one of the assistant teachers of Ross High School, was off last week on the account of sickness. She was able to resume work Monday, January 25th.

Miss Emma G. Holley is visiting at Ft. Worth.

Miss Zella Yance entertained the ladies of the Progressive Club and their husbands at the home of Mrs. M. L. Nelson, which was one of the grandest cocial affairs of the season.

Prof. J. L. Crowe has opened a candy stand in the lobby of the Pastime Theatre.

A pioneer citizen, Mrs. Mary Warren, passed away on January 24th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arizona Cravens in E. Greenville, after a long illness, at the age of 69 years. She was a true and conscientious christian woman, a member of New Hope Baptist church, which she helped to organize, and she is the last one of the charter members of the New Hope church to pass to the great beyond. She was loved by all who knew her for her gentleness and kindness of spirit, and ever ready to do anything in her power for the betterment of her church and community. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. A. Cravens, a few relatives and a host of friends to mourn her untimely death who have our sincere sympathy in this sad hour. The funeral was held Monday evening at the New Hope Baptist church by her pastor, Rev. Felix Jones. Enterment in East Mt. Cemetery. Funeral directed by Mrs. A. D. Key undertaker establishment.

Freeman on sale every Saturday night at the Pastime Theatre.

W. D. Pratt.

NEWS OF MAYFIELD, KY.

(By Luray Mae Gilbreath.)

Miss Blanche Bailey is up after a few days' illness of chills and lagrippe.

Rev. Houston's wife has arrived and they are living happy in their new home on South Fifth street.

Little Miss Aaron Kelly, of North Eighth street, died January 20, and was buried on the 21st.

Mr. Jasper Watson has returned from a trip to Paducah, where he sang in the revival meeting.

Miss Sadie Beadler is sick in bed of la grippe.

Mrs. Hunter Jackson, of St. Louis, is visiting her father, Mr. James Mercer.

The revival services of Fairview Baptist church has closed, having a great success. Rev. D. H. Phinney, pastor.

Mrs. Mary Skilcutt Woods is numbered among the sick.

ARDMORE, OKLA.

(By Artris Martin.)

Robert's comedians at the Dreamland Theatre this week, commencing January 25.

The cooks and waiters of Ardmore gave a banquet at the Odd Fellows hall Saturday night.

Miss Helen C. Hagan, the concert pianist, was at the M. E. church, and rendered some of her favorite selections to an appreciative audience.

Dr. H. Sparks, physician and surgeon, has his office at Mrs. Benge's rooming house, and he is doing a deal of good work in the city, and after making his trips in and out of the city all the week he then looks for the Freeman, the best Negro paper in the world.

Mrs. Andrews' home was entered by two burglars who searched her house, but did not get anything.

Rev. Roebuck is in the city from McAlester, Okla.

Mr. Elbert Turner is in Ennis, Tex.

The parsonage of the First Baptist church is nearing completion and will soon be occupied by the pastor, Rev. Dickerson.

BRUNSWICK, GA.

On next Monday, January 31, the murder case of George Edwards vs. Mr. C. A. Shaw will be the first case on the docket. The trial will be watched very closely by some of Mr. Shaw's best friends. Mr. Charlie Shaw, Jr., and Mr. Willie Shaw have arrived in the city to watch the trial of their dearly beloved father.

On last Sunday, January 24, a telegram was received that Mr. Burrell Massey met his death in Jacksonville, Fla. He was one of the leading carpenters of our city. The remains will be buried in this city.

Look out for the Lillie Whites. They are planning to put a big one on soon. There is some class to the Lillie White's organization.

Try a copy of The Freeman and be posted on these facts once. Read it once and you will always read it. Mr. Praylor Keith will be glad to enroll your name for one every week. You can find him at 1704 Cochran avenue.

BISMARCK, N. D., NOTES.

Mrs. Edward Triplett is on the sick list.

Mrs. Walter Carter, formerly Miss Christena Boone, would like to hear from Tony Humphrey or his father or mother, who live near Mayfield, Ky.

Mr. Enis Miller is back at the McKinzie Hotel and is meeting the guests at the trains with the same old smile.

Special to the Freeman.

Don't forget to stop and get the Freeman at Camden Station baggage room, or 516 West Conway street, Baltimore, Md. Harry McCubbins, Agent.

STAGE NOTES.

Bo. Kell, the wizard of the dump, will be seen soon on Dud's time.

Leon and Cooper, magicians, are playing in Florida, one night stands, with their own show.

Caldwell and Wilson are at present in Dallas, Tex., after having played at San Antonia and Galveston with much success. They are favorites out here and are winning many friends.

Many of the performers will be glad to know that R. W. Nicolls again has the Pike Theatre, at Mobile, Alabama. Mr. Nicolls was the first manager of that theatre, and had great success with it; having worked some of the best acts in the profession, who have always spoken well for Mr. Nicolls and his house.

T. S. Kinley, the well known monologuist, who has been manager of the Lincoln Theatre, Cincinnati, Ohio, is no longer in that capacity. The house has been sold to a corporation of colored persons, and who will take charge at once. Mr. Kinley, more than likely, will soon be seen hiking it on the road, as heretofore.

R. O. Henderson reports that since closing with Eiler's N. O. Ministrels, under canvas, November 28, 1914, at Witchita Falls, Tex., and coming home, since suffering with a nervous breakdown, is proud to let his many friends know that he is getting along fine. He sends regards to all and says for his friends to write to him at Kansas, Mo., 2014 Asken Ave.

Colored performers take notice. Acts working the Webster and United booking offices time don't play Bismarck, N. D., unless you're booked on the Fisher time, and know when you play Miles City, Mont., owing to the Orpheum and Grand Theatres putting on extra acts here during the setting of the Legislature, the Fisher Circuit can't place all of the acts. Twelve teams are here at this date waiting to be straightened out and more are coming.

Mr. Arthur L. Wallace, the scientific trap drummer of the Critenion Club of Buffalo, entertained his sister, Mrs. Etta Schuzler, of Newark, N. J., also a Miss Jennie Kline, of Paterson, N. J., friend of Mrs. Arthur Wallace. They are spending a months' vacation which they enjoyed immensely. A banquet was given in honor of Mrs. Etta Schuzler and Miss Jennie Kline on Friday evening, January 15th, at the Alco Social Club, 22 William street, at which a delicious luncheon was served.

WHAT'S WHAT DOWN IN NEW ORLEANS.

(By Wm. Benbow.)

Iroquois Theatre—Seals & Fisher, Davis & Davis, Dolly & Mazie, Billy Higgins.

Poodle Dog Cabaret, Wm. Benbow, Mgr.—Floy Fisher, Edna Benbow, Clarence Williams, Willie Sims.

25 Cabaret, Thomas Wade, Mgr.—Ebbie Burton, Aggie Tansell, Mickie Johnson, Lewis Wade.

Beulah Henderson, Lena Leggett, Grace Arnte are still making good as cabaret entertainers.

Chas. Washington of New Orleans, would like to hear from Wm. Johnson of the New Orleans orchestra.

The young Olympia orchestra is one of the best orchestras down in Bam. They surely have got 'em. The members are as follows: Simon Merrera, James Naane, Buddy Petet, Dave De Pass, John Merrera, Alvin Robertson, Joseph Saturnin, Arnold De Pass Mgr. These boys are hot as mustard.

Guidry & Allen cafe and cabaret seems to be the hang out for the jockeys and prizefighters. These gentlemen have the nicest colored cafe in town.

Freddie Washington says hello Houston. How is the war treating you?

Mrs. Edna Benbow is cleaning up at the Poodle Dog cabaret with her new song entitled "Lonesome at Home."

The Poodle Dog cabaret was surprised with a visit from the 25 cabaret's bunch Thursday night, headed by Thomas Wade, Mgr. of the 25 cabaret. Those taking part in the entertaining were as follows: Ebbie Burton, Aggie Tansell, Alma Hugh Nuckie Johnson, Harry Bonner, Prof. Lewis Wade and his orchestra.

The Poodle Dog cabaret is one of the leading places in New Orleans for pleasure. William Benbow is the man behind the fun. Nuff sed.

AT THE NEW CROWN GARDEN THEATRE.

Tim E. Owsley, Prop.

The weather and the times have struck hard, and the Crown Garden Theatre is suffering with the other folk. The Burden Brothers, Gem Stock Company, weathered the gale last week; it is holding the boards this week, doing well enough in consideration of the weather and the times.

The company put on "Mr. Brown and Mr. Green," which is excruciatingly funny. The whole company, consisting of "Kinky" Madaline Cooper Pugsley, Loretta Warfield, Baby Doll Adel Johnson, Marguerite Ricks, Warfield the comedian and Robert Bramlett takes part in the playlet.

"Mr. Brown and Mr. Green" has to do with a mixup of two families—dissatisfied husbands. The husbands accidently meet the wives who are just as dissatisfied—the wrong wives. They mate up with the object of whiling some of their time away in more congenial society. In the arrangements the mixed couples run upon the real things their rightful, marital belongings. It is kind a out there as they say, but very enjoyable for all that. Come out and see for yourself.

"Kinky" sings in the same old delightful way, "Eight O'Clock Train" and "What It Takes to Make Me Love You, You've Got It." The Baby Doll sings "Everything He Does Just Pleases Me." She sings to suit everybody—a most pleasing voice and expression.

There are other vaudeville features by duos, trios and songs by the whole company.

The bunch is lively—singing as if they had twice the number. The audiences are not overwhelming, but the performers have taken none of the ginger from their work. The girls costume nicely.

LEW W. HENRY DEALS OUT SOME PLAIN FACTS—THE TRUTH OF THE COLORED SHOW BUSINESS.

I, Lew Henry, am now in receipt of a letter from a manager, saying that I will not book acts unless I get my fee of 5 per cent. Now, I am here to talk for myself, and I must say that no actor or act has ever given me anything other than a Christmas present since I have been in the business. In the first place, if the acts get enough money I might ask for my side issue, the same as white agents, who have their own special acts, but the way colored show business is today, the colored acts do not get money enough to pay their railroad fares and board, and I could not have the heart to ask for a tip. If anyone will bring me an actor that has given me more than a cigar, except those who gave me Christmas presents, I will give them $100. I have not asked any act for a dime. I have had dozens offer to pay me to give them the time, and if they will tell the truth they will tell the world that I told them I did not have anything to offer them, but would give them the first opening I had, if they kept me posted as to where they were. Mr. John Leubrie Hill, George Price and I were the first to organize or in other words, try to organize a colored circuit, known as the Colored Theatrical Booking Exchange, and it has been my aim, ever since Mr. Dudley came to try to get this business on a paying basis for the colored acts as well as the managers. I have sit up night and day, writing to managers all over this country, trying to convince them that by coming to our circuit they would get better results and that I could give them new faces each week, if they would all book through this office and make the jumps short, so that the acts could realize something out of their work.

Now, I dare say that there were not twenty acts on the colored time that knew what real vaudeville was until this circuit was organized. It seems to be a hobby among acts playing colored time to ask for tickets. Why? Because they are afraid they can not make good in the next house, and by getting tickets they can compel the manager to hold them. How many white houses can you get tickets from? I do not mean this to all, but to those whom the shoe fits. Of course sometimes we all get in bad luck and have to ask a manager or some one we know to advance us transportation to the next stand, but there are any number who have $100 in their pockets and will not make their next jump unless the manager advances tickets, and some of them will offer to pay for the time, knowing they can not make good and by bribing the agent they think they will hold them. It would be a good thing if a lot of them were back on their original jobs, driving wagons, cooking, or whatever they were really cut out to be.

Baltimore is one of the best show towns in America, and you find there what I call "mechanical" acts. They work at their original trade, cuffing boots, dish washing or something of that kind in the day, then at night take a job as performer at a large sum of $14 per week in one of the local theaters. Now, what are we going to do with such acts and managers? The only thing I can see to do is to boycott both and the only way to do this is for the acts not to go in houses for less money than their agent offers them.

Now, I can show dozens of acts where they have written me for $50 and write the managers for $40. The only thing I can see is to be square with every one, and if acts are square with me I will be likewise, and I hope to see the time come when I can have what is called "exclusive acts" and then I will get the 5 per cent and the office 5 per cent, but with the money acts are getting now, it is almost impossible to take out the 5 per cent. for the office, but if the acts will do right and work as they should, and when they get contracts not to try to convince the manager where they are working to put on stock, they will be far better off.

LEW W. HENRY.

FROM RICHARDS & PRINGLES MINSTRELS.

We are in Oregon for a week, then go into Idaho. Show doing good business and all well. While in Dayton, Wash., we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Pringle, brother of the former owner of the Georgia's. He has a large photo of the Georgia Minstrels taken in San Francisco 26 years ago. Billy Kersands and John A. Watts are among that group. Mr. Watts is now with the Georgias singing "Silver Threads Among the Gold" just about as sweet as he did 26 years ago.

Whitney Viney resigned as stage manager at Tacoma, Wash., and Dr. William La DeAcklen has the stage.

Walter Lee has composed a new song. Don't know the name yet.

Duck Collins keep getting left on long jumps. (Paddle Duck.)

The boys are all sitting in the corner now. Why? Played Seattle, Vancouver, Bremerton and Tacoma.

Whitney Viney sends regards to P. G. Lowery. Show headed East. Regards to all. Pearl Moppin.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

ANDREW TRIBBLE IN 'POSSUM HOLLOW UNIVERSITY AT THE GRAND—DAVIS & GREER PUT ONE OVER.

Possum Hollow University was a one act skit which introduced Andrew Tribble as the school teacher and eccentric protean star of the liveliest and most clever sketch we have seen lately. Tribble's cleverness of conversation, Jack Smith's comedy, Dollie Stewart's odd gaiety and the dancing of two supple boys, one a lanky, were luxuriant in abundance of mirth. Sam Davis and W. A. Greer put one over in an up to date talking and dancing act. Greer was up to the minute and Davis sang "The Straight Road" superbly. The white acts were William Flemen, in "The Line Between," a good play in the beginning, involving a political social crook, which waxed into crudeness and a distasteful unidentified relationship love finish. Paris Greene who sang a good song on his entrance, afterwards gave us a bore on war and mother and recited a long recitation. The Jap Jugglers and wire walker, whose names were confusing, were good. The last half of last week had Galvin's Masqueraders, with two fair comedians, and a chorus of good looking girls. A Marks and Company in "The Lighters, Peddler and Girl," was a splendid playlet, especially the fair faced boy fighter who enriched his Jewish father, who painted. Allen Summers did not take and Alex Thomas was a strong man in exercise. The colored act was Tom Cross and Tom Lemonier. This act would be a scream if Lemonier were not too respectable to put on a gingham dress and do his kittenish female dialect, the only comedy he can essay. Cross, who is a good comedian, was handicapped without the support mentioned.

Jones & Liston at the New Monogram.

Jones & Liston were the big comedy winners at this house in a splendid dialogue. Both of the team are very clever, especially the original comedy antics of the comedian, but their act should have a livelier finish. Talbot & Chappelle, in a new act, were the high class art and singing feature of the bill. Beatrice Johnson was good, but slightly suggestive, and Kanthe, Polley & Kanthe, a white trio, was a novelty in physical strenth and balancing.

Abyssinian Trio Stops the Show at the Monogram.

It was no wonder that the Abyssinian trio, which recently made a hit at the Grand, stopped the show. They now have no superiors and the mezzo organ of Io Maud Brown, was convincing. Harper Puggsley gave a neat singing and dancing act that completely captivated. Billy Demont, a comedian who showed much cleverness and Lillian Brown, a good well known actress and alto singer, was all that could be desired.

Among the Movies.

In roving around from house to house one would wonder what it is that sends the people to and fro in search of pictures. The States can boast of a beautiful orchestra. The Lincoln cuts its prices and files them in. The Phoenix will have a colored quartet in conjunction with a special picture Saturday and Sunday and the Fountain on 35th street, has installed a colored orchestra. The Washington has been well filled every night. The Atlas is now doing well and will soon need a larger orchestra.

Glimpses of the Cabarets.

Souvenirs of excellent finish were out early in the week announcing the opening of the new Elite Cafe No. 2, at 3445 State street, Thursday evening, January 28, 1915. Messrs. Henry Teenan Jones and Art Codozoe are the proprietors. The DeLuxe still draws big crowds. The Panama is doing likewise. The Iowa Club has nice entertainers and Goodmans in the Mecca building and Joseph's across the street from there continue popular. Al Russell's cozy cabaret is always a winner. The fine quality pool rooms are Williams, over the States theatre, Carter's Royal opposite the Monogram, the Midway, 35th street and Forest avenue, and the Fraternal. Frank Roquett is the popular boy of Klawans. The Richelieu is to open a first class Spanish and American cafe February 1st. Samuel H. Sprague is the new proprietor and W. T. Fuller is to be the chef. Frank P. George is arranging a social breakfast banquet.

Stage Notes and Stroll News.

J. Fenton Johnson, the poet, has returned from the East, where he was royally received.

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Sam Good, late of Good & Jackson, has joined hands with May Harris. The team will be known as Good & Harris.

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G. Sharper White opened at the Ellis theatre, January 18, presenting his den of mystery. He is a locally popular magician.

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Johnnie Woods is on the Marcus Lowe affiliated time. He opened at the Colonial with Star Hippodrome to follow.

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The Saturday Evening Telegraph has filed a petition in bankruptcy. They were in arrears with the Western Newspaper Union. Jack Lait, the writer and publisher, had withdrew last August.

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Columbus Braggs' play, "Ah Jah" was given at Institution church, January 19th. The affair was reported to be an inviting picture of Ethiopic drama. They say the play should be given at all the churches as its theme is classic.

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There was a birthday party given at the residence of Hiram Samuels, 3420 Vernon avenue, in honor of Miss Madge Gans, on her birthday of recent date. There was a sumptuous repast. Among those present were Grace Hockstar, Madge Gans, Mrs. Chas. Smith, Mrs. D. R. Matthews, Mrs. L. H. Schooler, Miss Lillian Johnson, Pinkey Cooper, Ada Ricketts, Miss Coats, Pinkey Cooper, Ada Ricketts, Louise Coates, Hazel Moseley, Anna Walker, Hazel Moxley, Dr. Wm. P. Miller, Chas. Smith, George Johnson, Schiller Emerson, D. R. Matthews, Charles Jackson, Fred Logan, Eddie Gray, Jesse Black, Chas. Magee, Nelson Jordan, Clint Curtaindal, C. C. Anderson, William Able.

HUNT'S POINT OPERA HOUSE, NEW YORK CITY.

Harry B. Harris and his bunch of Merry Makers, from the Colored Performers' Social League, 220 Fifth avenue, New York City, are meeting with much success. The show consists of seventeen star performers, as follows: Etta Miner and Grace Vaughner, in their new sister act; Jules McGarr and Ruth Allen, the melody man and maid; Julius Glenn and Jimmie Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Watts, Sidney Perrin and Goldie Crosby, King, Van and Marshall, Original Dyke Thomas and Miss Ada Mickie.

This production was staged by the well known Bob Slater. The show consumes two hours of merriment and is now playing at Hunt's Point Opera House, New York City.

Harry B. Harris.

NEW YORK NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Anderson & Goins are at McVicker's theater, Chicago.

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Brooks & Bowen are at the Colonial theater, Erie, Pa.

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Johnnie Woods this week at Colonial theater, Chicago.

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Miller & Lyles are at Keith's theater, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Dotson & Gordon are at the Orpheum theater, Racine, Wis.

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Copeland & Peyton are at the Majestic Theater, Springfield, Ill.

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Marshall & Gumbey are at the Majestic Theater, Waterloo, Iowa.

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Jones & Johnson are at the Delancey Street Theater, New York.

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Barron Astoria Cafe, 2275 Seventh avenue. Big cabaret show, including some great artists.

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Billy E. Jones, the popular vocalist, is scoring a distinct hit with Gilbert's song hit, "In the Same Old Town," in and around New York.

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Don't forget, when in New York City, to visit Leroy's Cafe and Cabaret at 1 West 135th street. This is one of the popular places of amusement.

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The Versatile Four sail for London from New York to fill a two and one-half years' engagement. The quartet has been working steadily in and around New York.

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At the Lilya dining rooms, 115 West 131st street, New York, Miss Cora Cross and Miss Lillian Rose in popular melodies, and the patrons are highly entertained by these artists.

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The entertainers at Woods' popular cafe, 261 Fifth avenue, are Miss Mary Kelly, Flossie Turner, Mayme Brown and others. Many new features during the year will be introduced to the many patrons.

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The Theatrical Guide and Date Book will soon be issued, and performers should get this book, as it will be a valuable book for the profession. William Ward, publisher, 119 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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The New Hotel Snug and Cafe, 133 Madison avenue, New York, M. C. McFarland, proprietor. Since its opening this place is becoming popular with the patrons who come to see the big cabaret every evening.

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The New Crescent Cafe and Cabaret, conducted by Harry Griffen, 126 West 135th street, New York, has some great entertainers in The Philadelphia Trio, Mildred Creed, Mabel Turner and Mamie Hendricks.

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The Blankneal Cafe, 118 West 135th street, after alterations, will be one of the finest places in Harlem. William Blankneal, the proprietor, wishes to see all visitors when in the city and they will be highly entertained and due courtesy shown to all.

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Miss Ruby Mason, the well known vocalist, is entertaining the patrons at the Pekin, 447 Lenox avenue, New York. Mr. Robert Murray, the proprietor and manager, intends to make this one of the popular places in Harlem, as he is well liked by all. Visitors always welcome.

WHAT'S WHAT AT THE DREAMLAND THEATRE, TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

(By John Gertrude.)

Mr. J. W. William's Dreamland Theatre, this week, is still offering good attractions to the people of his city. What it takes to make a good show, Mr. Williams has got it. You get more for your money at this house than any other house in the south. The house was packed to witness the Merry Musical Production on Monday night, with all big headliners, singers, talkers and ragtime dancers, in a 2 act musical comedy, produced by John Gertrude, a midnight cabaret in Dixie. The bill opened with a big number and was a hit, next on the bill were the Four Black Spots in a big comedy act with one of the most complete acts of its kind, and made a hit. John Gertrude and company, headed by Mr. Leonard Scott, in comedy, was a hit in the cabaret from start to finish. Miss Helen Walton was also a hit in a song, "My Loving Honey." Everyone seemed to like it. Lawrence Baker, the boy with the big voice, put "Twilight" over in a way that he took the house by storm. That going some, Miss Walton, stopped the show with "Flower Garden Ball." It was not the song but it was the way she works it up with a good chorus, and it is easy to see that ragtime is Miss Walton's cleaning up spot. Mr. L. Scott, our black face comedian, is holding his own. He puts over his new song, "I Must Go Home Tonight," and went big. Mr. John Gertrude sings at the Mississippi Cabaret with much success. Having a good chorus of girls and the steps of every song in the company was dignified and pretty. Our manager and owner, Mr. J. W. Williams, and all of the bunch, send regards to all Dreamland Theatre, the most popular vaudeville and photo play house in the South. Feature pictures changed daily. Week of Feburary 1st we will have with us the great O. H. McDaniel Stock Co.

ST. LOUIS THEATRICAL NOTES.

(By Herbert T. Meadows.)

There is a keen rivalry for feature honors at the Booker Washington Theatre this week; so keen, in fact, that a critic's decision is almost impossible. It's a happy combination of originality that keeps up a continuous round of furious fun from beginning to end. One of the best shows seen here in a long time is the result, and all this is accomplished without one work of smut or suggestiveness. The Harrison Stewart players opened a three weeks' engagement with an extremely humorous sketch, entitled "The White Wash Man." In this playlet Messrs. Stewart and Cooke, both stars in their respective character rolls, displayed excellent ability as comedians. Harrison makes a decisive hit in his song, "Fortune." The lady members play their parts well. Special scenery adds reality to the plot and contributes to an act that is going big with the patrons this week.

Fannie Wise and Billy Henderson loomed up as one of vaudeville's classiest singers and jokers. Their dialogue is new and hilariously comic. Both are good singers. Miss Wise makes a big hit singing "Nannia," and Mr. Henderson is a scream in "Far, Far Away." They close strong, singing "Carolina."

Dude Kelly and Amon Davis, in a new travesty, set the house wild with their original jokes. Their feature song, "My Kaffir Babe," is a riot. Their act offers an opportunity for Kelly to display his ability as a premier buck dancer, and Davis to present a ludicrous second. They are making a decided hit this week.

Lena Henderson is offering a repertoir of three good songs, and holding her own.

A NOTE FROM WAY DOWN IN CHICKASHA, OKLAHOMA, SOMETHING ABOUT BILLY McCLAIN.

I hope you will help me to let other performers get wise as to the Great Billy McClain, who canceled Davis and Edward L. (Dad) Howard and Howard because these acts were to high class and clean. After the two act arrived in Chicksha, on a big jump, they were told that the people did not like any smut. Billy McClain was told by the acts that they did not use any smut whatever, so we were booked for two weeks, and on Saturday of the first week of their engagement they were told that they close Sunday night. They were working on percentage and Billy wanted to run in added attractions and take a percentage out of the gross receipts. Now brother and sister performers if one of our own number treats you like this, which is a positive fact, how can we live? So all I have got to say, if you are coming this way stay clear of Chickasha, Oklahoma, especially if you have got good clean acts, and Billy McClain, who is managing the house, the Rex Hall Theatre. We feel as though we have been treated unfair by our brother performers. This is the first time in my life I have ever written an article against anyone for publication in any paper. While we are trying to get out of this country, how can we at that rate. So I think enough is said and done; a hint to the wise is sufficient.

I beg to remain your brother performer,

Robert N. Davis,
528 South 2nd, St.
Chickasha, Okla.

WHAT'S WHAT ON THE S. H. DUDLEY CIRCUIT.

Week of January 25, 1915.

Washington D. C.—S. H. Dudley Theater, Lew W. Henry Manager. Brown & Cole, Rekomo, Minnie Hackless. Howard Theater, Andrew J. Thomas, Manager. Isola Ringold, Keys & Logan, Tyler & Girwood. Fairyland Theater, Brooks & Ross, Managers. Gulfport & Nugent.

Richmond, Va.—Hoppodrome Theater, W. J. Coulter, Manager. Gant & Perkins, Neeley & Owens.

Lynchburg, Va.—Ford's Theater, R. F. Johnson, Manager. Granstaff & Davis.

Philadelphia, Pa.—New Standard Theater, John T. Gibson, Manager. S. H. Dudley, assisted by Daisy Martin and William Ramsey. Other acts.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Star Theater, Abe Minsky, Manager. The Goodlettes, Tim & Hester Moore.

Detroit, Mich.—Vaudette Theater, C. L. Dudley, Manager. Reed's Georgia Troubadours.

Cincinnati Ohio—Lincoln Theater. Washburn & Piper, Crippen & Dounoveor.

Louisville, Ky.—Ruby Theater, Wilhoit & Collier, Managers. Edwards & Hardee.

Chicago, Ill.—Grand Theater. Davis & Greer.

Braxton & Nugent are doing an act, written especially for them by S. H. Dudley, entitled "The Coal Man." Yes, it's a hit, and is copyrighted. Beware, thieves and imitators. They are coming West soon.

WILLARD MIGHT HURT HIMSELF IF HE BOXED.

Thus Jones Explains Absence of Tryout Before Match With Johnson —Has Been Idle Over a Year.

Tom Jones was asked the other afternoon why he did not allow Jess Willard to box at least one good man before he sent him against Jack Johnson in the much-discussed heavyweight match to take place in Juarez. He gave as his reason that he would be foolish to send Willard against any of the heavyweights with the championship battle now assured.

He prattled glibly along to show how the others wouldn't fight Willard when the latter was "down and out," and how now, since Willard has risen on the waves of popularity, the others are not worthy of consideration.

Perhaps, from a strictly commercial side, Jones is right. There may be much in his contention that he would be foolish to send Willard against these heavyweights. Perhaps he might break one of his hands, or mayhap one of the ordinary heavyweights might punch him on the jaw, or in the pit of the stomach, or under the heart, or elsewhere, and topple him over, even as King Goliath took the count long, long ago in that battle with young David.

But there is a little angle of the coming match which Jones may have overlooked. The boxing fans are the ones who are going to pay their money to see the fight, and they are from Missouri. Of course, there may be those who will attend a championship match just to get the atmosphere—to say they were there—but the vast majority has to be shown.

Now, Mr. Jones, what has Willard done to warrant the confidence of the boxing enthusiasts in this coming match? Whom has he met since he started to box who is worthy of the mettle of Jack Johnson? Ask the boxing fans. His record is thickly studded with knockouts, but the men he knocked out are for the most part totally unknown, and some few enjoyed some slight local reputation. Victories over men like Soldier Kearns and George Rodel are not calculated to add to the prestige of a high-grade boxer. They are to be expected. In fact, they are demanded.

According to the record books, Willard's last fight was against George Rodel at New Haven on December 29, 1913. Willard defeated the "Diving Venus" in nine rounds. Since then Willard has gone on growing bigger until he looks like a giant redwood tree. Likewise he has gone on learning to box in the gymnasium, and it is said he has become quite proficient.

It has always been one of the watchwords of the boxing arena that a fighter must train himself for great deeds by actual fighting. The fancy stuff picked up in the gymnasium is all very good. In there, without the influence of the cheering or booing crowds, a boxer may work through his maneuvers perfectly—knows every move they are capable of making, how they start the moves, and when. He is prepared for anything they have.

But in the ring it is a different proposition. There the other man has a few tricks of his own, with an individual style of working them. There is the mental hazard that a single punch may result in a knockout, and that every move means something. Against Johnson Willard will realize that he is facing the world's champion—the man who beat down Jim Jeffries. If all reports of men who have seen Johnson recently be true, the Galveston Negro is fast, and who is there who doubts the efficiency of his ring science There is not an angle of the boxing game that Johnson does not know backwards. There is not a proposition which he has not worked out.

Johnson has not boxed since he defeated Frank Moran in a 20-round bout in Paris last year. His case, however, is somewhat different, for he is the champion.

There is one side to the match, and how important a part it will play remains to be seen. Willard has every physical advantage. He is years younger than Johnson, some six inches taller, with a reach that is longer by almost a foot, and he is some 20 pounds heavier. His habits are moderate, and, altogether, the boxing enthusiasts have been led to believe he is an exemplary man in every respect. Johnson, so the story goes, has not been so careful, but there are the reports of men who have seen him which give an entirely different side of the story.

Those who have builded their hopes upon the youth of Willard may possibly have them dashed. As intimated in a previous paragraph, Willard has shown to good advantage in his matches in the training quarters. A possible reason has been ascribed. To quote a racing simile Willard has done well against selling platers, but the pace set by a stake horse may dazzle him and leave him puffing and wondering when Johnson makes him drive in the stretch.

LITTLE ARTHUR STIGALL IS TO MEET YOUNG BRADY OF MUNCIE, IND.

Dayton, O., January 25, 1915.

Sporting Editor The Freeman:

I have been matched to meet Young Brady, of Muncie, Ind., before the Coliseum A. C., at Richmond, Ind., early in February. Would like to hear from all good colored boys that care for a bout with me at Richmond.

LITTLE ARTHUR STIGALL.
BILLY BENSON, Manager.
Arlington Hotel, Richmond, Ind.

WELCOME AT HAVANA.

New York.—Billy Gibson is still hoping that the Willard-Johnson fight will be pulled off at his arena at Havana, Cuba. Gibson informed promoters of the fight that in case Carranza shows signs of persisting in his announced intentians of arresting Johnson as soon as the Negro lands in Mexico they can switch the fight to his arena on the same terms offered before Juarez was finally selected.

BIG SMOKE'S ENTRANCE TO MEXICO HARD TASK—IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ALERT.

EL PASO, Tex. Jan. 26.—An army is fighting for Jack Johnson. A town is being beseiged that the big black may enter Mexico unmolested for his fight with Jess Willard at Juarez. The only route through Mexico which Johnson can take without fear of being arrested by the troops of General Carranza is by way of Tampico, the famous oil port. General Villa's army is now besieging the port. Villa is to get a nice slice of the fight money and is expected to make every effort to take Tampico. Johnson's journey through the country depends entirely on the success of the forces defending the town.

Immigration authorities were today notified to watch for Johnson, as it was believed he may attempt to reach Juarez over a United States route. Johnson is due to reach the Barbadoes on Friday. Promoters of the fight here still observe the strictest secrecy of just how Johnson will reach Juarez.

SEKITAN, OHIO.

(By N. C. Hawkins.)

The revival at the Baptist church is doing fine. Rev. Harvey Miller, of Cincinnati is officiating.

The Freeman has prospects of a large circulation here again. Your correspondent, N. C. Hawkins, will take news items. Three months, six months and year subscriptions. A special canvas is being made. Order The Freeman. Tell your friends. Let us be united.

Miss Gertrude Frisco is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Brooks.

Mrs. H. Long is ill at this writing.

Mrs. Rosie Banks and Mrs. Wm. Hicks are better.

A special program has been arranged for Sunday at the Baptist Young People's Union.

Pastor Flores went to Carrollton Friday and returned home Monday.

DECATUR (ALA.) NEWS.

Mrs. Sunnie Price, of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. Alice White, of Huntsville, were visiting in the city last week, the guests of Miss Lafayette Thompson. .. Read The Freeman. For sale by Little Lampton McMath.

JONESBORO, ARK.

The Citizens Band has organized and is rendering good music. President, W. W. Cook; vice-president, Homer Roddy; instructor, Green Allen; leader, D. Powells. P. J. Johnson, claironett, is featuring "Pick a Chicken."

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ROUTE.

The Smart Set Co., with Salem Tutt Whitney—Detroit, Mich., Feb. 1-6.

Tanner's Entertainers—Coomer, Wisconsin, Feb. 1-6.

J. C. Rockwell's Sunny South Co.—Bangor, Mich., Feb. 1.

Silas Green Co., Eph Williams, manager—West Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 1.

F. C. Huntington's Mighty Minstrels—McGehee, Ark., Feb. 1; Dermott, 2; Monticello, 3; Warren, 4; Fordyce, 6.

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DeGaston, Gallie	MacWorthin, Dan
Evans, Sam	McDaniels, Lester
Earle, Robert	Medley, Percy
Freels, Eugene	Nichols, Frank
Glazier's Jubilee Singers.	Owsley, Tom
Gardner and Graham	Polson, Dillion
Hughes, Altrus	Paschal, H. W.
Hooten, Eugene	Payne, E. H.
Hamilton, Chas.	Russell, Bob
Irving, Warren	Pugh, Wm.
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Johnson, James	Sadler & Sadler
Johnson, Jack	Stamper, Geo.
Johnson, Bennie	Tonsiel, Billie C.
Keith, Frank	Thompson, Thomas
Kewley, Fred	Tobias, Josephine
Kent, C. W.	Thompson, Danna
Lacy, A. M.	Van Pelt, Walter
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Ladies' List.

Adams, Mary Lizzie	Lazzo, Josephine
Brown, Mrs. Cleo M.	McGinty, Artie B.
Brown, Magnolia	McCoy, Viola
Cox, Miss D. M.	Nelison, Miss Lucile
Clements, Carrie	Preston, Mattie
Garrette, Miss Evlyn	Pugh, Lizzie B.
English, Mayme	Ringgold, Isola
Hendricks, Mamie	Sipp, Margie
Hayden, Mrs. Creola V.	Redmond, Della
Love, Lucy	Wallburg, Mrs. Rae
	Wilson, Miss Ruth
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Seen and Heard while Passing

By Salem Tutt Whitney With the Smart Set Co.

For eight years we have struggled to include the Hoosier Capital in our itinerary. Many times we have approached within firing distance only to be repelled by adverse circumstances which we could not combat successfully. But this time our campaign was cunningly conceived and adroitly executed and we made a triumphal entry into the Capital City and were welcomely received by a multitude of friends and well wishers. Only the elements contrived to impede our advance. Old Winter marshaled his forces and made a furious onslaught with snow and ice that blocked the traffic and blinded the eyes of courageous pedestrians but did not deter the enthusiastic crowds from crowding the Lyceum Theater and according the Smart Set a glorious welcome. Now we may exclaim with Caesar: "Veni, Vidi, Vici."

We visited the home of the Freeman, the greatest Negro journal extant, and found it comfortably installed at 220 West Vermont street. The walls form a veritable art gallery, displaying photos of the great and the near-great. There are three desks. The first is dominated by Elwood Knox, or "Wood," as he is affectionately called by his numerous friends. Mr. Knox is the son of the Hon. Geo. L. Knox, and has guided the fortunes of the Freeman for nearly a score years. The high place that the Freeman has attained in the rank of American journals is the greatest recommendation of his efficiency. Mr. Wm. Lewis, sporting and dramatic editor, presides at the second desk. He is a skilful and interesting writer with a reserve fund of hardly acquired knowledge to draw upon. He needs no introduction to Freeman readers. Miss Mabelle, the beautiful niece of Mr. Knox, holds dominion at the third desk. A rose between two thorns, she supplies the grace, beauty and feminine dignity necessary to keep these two fossils from reverting to their primitive state. Her duties, though multifarious, are executed with intelligent celerity, which makes her indispensable to the success of the Freeman. No one should visit Indianapolis without calling at the home of the Freeman. They will be happily entertained and hospitably received.

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The virulent, morbiferous and infectious wave of race prejudice has struck Indianapolis a telling blow but the colored people of that city have refused to take the count. Though they are segregated in places of amusement and find themselves barred from white hotels and restaurants they are still undaunted. The Freeman and the Rcorder are waging a courageous offensive warfare against the nefarious practice. There seems to be no deterrant evil from which some consequent good does not obtain. This "jim-crowism" has awakened the colored people of Indianapolis from their lethargy; they have become a consolidated people working with unity of purpose for one great cause, the second emancipation of the Negro race. Negro places of business are frequent and flourishing. Archie Greathouse stands among the leaders. From a Bates House waiter he has risen to be the owner of one of the most successful business houses in the city. He is worth many thousands of dollars in real estate and cash money, and is a highly respected citizen. For more than 25 years T. L. Saunders Gents Furnishing and Manufacturing Company has been a landmark on Indiana avenue. It is more than this; it is an object lesson to all. It shows what can be done by perseverance and thrift. Mr. Saunders is now assisted by Ed Saunders, his son. From an insignificant beginning, the manufacturing company that began by furnishing aprons, coats and caps to a few waiters in the local hotels and restaurants, has taken its place among the leading manufacturers of its kind in the country. It now supplies orders from any and all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico. It is fitted with the latest electrical time and labor-saving machinery.

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Russell Smith, whom the New York Telegraph pronounced one of the sweetest tenors ever in New York City, is also the composer of "When Tomorrow Comes," "Some Sweet Day," "Everything She Does Just Pleases Me," "The Demon Rag," and a score of other worthy compositions. Mr. Siedel, of the Siedel Music Publishing Company, rates Mr. Smith with best popular song composers of this or any other country. Mr. Smith tours the country demonstrating his own compositions. In this he is ably assisted by Noble Sissle, who possesses a remarkable tenor robust and is a singer of marked ability. Whatever Mr. Smith has accomplished or hopes to attain in the future, the credit is due to the Christian influence and the guiding hand of his mother, Frances Smith. She has given her boy an ideal Christian home, where her sweet influence and presence permeates everywhere like an holy incense. Mrs. Smith gave a delightful dinner to several members of the company.

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Members of the Smart Set Company were honored to receive the following invitation from the Mme. C. J. Walker Mfg. Company:

Mr. S. Tutt Whitney,
Lyceum Theatre, City.

My Dear Sir: I wish to extend to you and your entire company a very cordial invitation to come in a body, if possible and visit my plant.

If you will let me know when it will be most convenient, I shall be glad to send my car and convey you to my residence.

Trusting I may have the pleasure of a visit from you and as many of your company as possible, with best wishes for your success, I am

Yours respectfully,
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Mme. Walker is the discoverer of the wonderful hair grower that bears her name. She has also established branch offices in New York City and Pittsburg, Pa. Mme. Walker is at the head of the Lelia College for treating and teaching her method of hair growing.

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Copeland & Payton are sure fine hits on the big time in their comedy skit, "The Dining Car Waiters." Both remained in the city to see the Smart Set show. The funny little Tommy Carter also found time to visit the Smart Set. All were in a party entertained by the Dumas Club, and had an enjoyable time.

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Henry Bracken, a former member of the company, is proprietor of the Muse, an entertainment bureau, headquarters for musicians and cigar stand. Mr. Bracken was tireless in his efforts to make the Smart Set engagement a success. He is one of the best known and popular young men of Indianapolis. Mr. Bracken is also an accomplished singer and musician.

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Tim Owsley, the little wizard, proprietor and manager of the Crown Garden, comedian, composer and producer, has become one of the central figures of the Capital City. Mr. Owsley and Elwood Knox were guests of our genial manager, Trevor L. Corwell. The three are jolly good fellows, and they succeeded in spreading much joy.

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Dr. Cecil Carter, of Logansport, Ind.; Dr. King, of Indianapolis; Ernie Puggsley, pianist; Ben Toledo, juggler; Sam Ratliffe, in the Government service; Mrs. Roxie Bell, Mrs. Floyd, Harry Farley, Ernest Rudd, Charlie Byrd, Ben Smothers, Ed Gaillard, Frank Fowler Brown, the peerless tenor, and Mrs. Rhoda Williams were welcome callers behind the scenes. J Homer Tutt and Yours Truly wish to express regret that we were unable to accept the many invitations from old friends received by us, we sincerely and fully appreciate their enthusiastic welcome and well wishes for our continued success.

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The Hon. Geo. L. Knox and wife were among those who witnessed "His Excellency the President." His hair, silvered by the frosts of many winters, seemed incongruous with the youthful expression of his face. Evidently Mr. Knox has learned the art of growing old gracefully. He laughed with the happy abandon of a school boy, was keenly alive to the point in every joke. His aristocratic bearing and quiet dignity were not offset by the infectious smile that radiated like sunshine from face and eyes and proved a source of inspiration to the players. Mr. Knox is one of God's noblemen. Born in slavery; impervious to the onslaughts of time, the buffeting of adverse tides, unsoured by the deceit, the prejudice and the injustice of men, he has risen majestically like some mighty oak that o'er tops its fellows of the forest, or like some gigantic mountain whose ancient peak is reared high and covered by eternal snows. Scarred but yet unbroken, seared but not bent. He has a smile of encouragement for the weary, a tear for the sorrowing, a heart full of compassion for the hopeless and an abiding faith in God's goodness and the ultimate salvation of all mankind.

STAGE NOTES.

Sam Evans, ventriloquist, playing through Michigan and Canada, on the U. B. O. time. He is having success.

The Great Mayo, magician (John E. Cooper), is now playing his own show through Florida. Orlando, Fla., week of January 25.

Howard & Mason, English chappies, enjoyed success at the Tantages Theater, Calgary, Canada, last week. This week at Pantages Theater, Spokane, Wash.

J. B. Norton, the old stage manager of Allen's Minstrels, who was ill in Dallas, Tex., at 2634 Lawrence street, is on his feet again and is feeling fine. He says, boys, keep your eyes on The Freeman, for I have something up my sleeve. Regards to all friends. Write.

J. C. Miles says he is somewhat busy these days engaging performers and musicians for his band and minstrels with Jones Bros. World's Toured Three-ring Circus for the season of 1915, which will open at St. Louis, Mo., early in April. He sends best wishes to all. Address 403 West Sixteenth street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Susie Sutton has dropped the name Sutton, which was assumed prior to her marriage with John Jones. The name made its reputation when associated with that of Jones, the team being Jones & Sutton. They traveled the country over, including Canada, Cuba and Mexico. Miss Sutton is now traveling alone. For this and other reasons she will be known as Suzette Sehon. She takes the name of her father, who was a Cuban. Look out for her with something big and good.

Baby Mack, a little St. Louis lady, was a novelty in herself. She was the youngest of them all, who were booked in their own names. She was a pleasing creature, very impressionable, as an artist must be to some extent. She came near going into hysterics over "String Bean's" work, insisting on seeing him every night after her own turn, which was first. The Baby seemed to feel that I was a necessary adjunct to her enjoyment, because she would have me go with her and sit in the second row of seats, a place where I never before sat, nor since, to see "String Beans." And the little soul laughed so merrily and heartily that I quite envied Mr. Beans. It was her way of showing her attachment for him—strange, but very effective. And the many little things she would say about him and his work left no room to doubt her earnestness. They got together as a team before the week was over. And why not? He was her ideal. She was pretty, talented, young vivacious, and alas crochety as geniuses are so likely to be—doing the unusual or "must" die. When last heard from, she was simply another one of the crushed hopes that have buzzed about Mr. May.

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COMEDIAN J. A. McDANIELS NEEDS A HUNDRED DOLLARS TO TAKE AN APPEAL.

The Billboard is taking an unusual interest in the case of J. A. McDaniels, colored comedian, also others, white persons, who think that he is being imposed on. The Freeman is not on to the exact nature of his case. He is in jail at Birmingham, Ala., and from what is learned he is unjustly detained.

In speaking of him the Billboard recently had:

"Joe is game.

"He has never whined once.

"He has said his story before you, acquainted you with his circumstances and made known his need.

"He will not appeal again.

"The Birmingham papers defend the persecution of Joe upon the grounds that he is 'just an ordinary Negro.'

"He is a Negro all right, but not an ordinary one.

"He is fairly well educated.

"He has played all over England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Denmark, and appeared in Holland and Belgium.

"Like Bert Williams, he was born in the British West Indies.

"He is still a British subject."

We submit the following reproduced from the Billboard to show what is being said of him:

"W. George Davison, of the Forsythe Theatre, Atlanta, Ga., writes: 'I have known Joe A. McDaniels for about eighteen years. No better man lives. He is straight and honest. He is not guilty. Urge the colored members of the profession to come to his aid. He is one of us. He belongs.

"'I am mailing him a small donation. I hope a goodly bunch of fellows will kick in. Joe was ever ready to respond to the cry of distress.'"

"Remittances in any sum, however small, will be appreciated. They should be sent to his attorney, Frank S. Andress, 316 Title Guarantee Building, Birmingham, Ala."

"Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 19, 1914.
"The Billboard Pub. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio:

"Gentlemen—I have just read with a great deal of interest an article published in your valuable paper of December 19, headed: '"Keep Away from Birmingham.'

"As I am in position to know the inside workings of the Police Department of this city, having preferred charges against the Chief of Police and conducted a probe which ousted him from office a year ago, and recently I exposed the corrupt officials in a public speech at one of the theater buildings in this city.

"No doubt legal proceedings will be instituted against your paper and if so my business is private detective, and in case you need my services I shall be very glad to serve you. I enclose you clipping from one of our Birmingham papers, and as to who I am I refer you to Walter K. McAdory, Sheriff of Jefferson county; Judge J. P. Stiles, Probate Judge of Jefferson county; Judge Wm. E. Fort, Sr., Judge of Criminal Court, and Judge Samuel Greene, Jr., Judge of Criminal Court, or any other reputable citizen of this city.

"Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I am,

"Respectfully yours,
"C. W. AUSTIN,
"409 Brown-Marx Bldg."

Colored performers can get in touch with McDaniels through the above address. It is hoped that they will give him attention no less than that being given him by his white friends.

NEWS FROM THE F. C. HUNTINGTON'S MINSTREL COMPANY.

Notwithstanding most of the tented shows have gone into winter quarters, the F. C. Huntington's Minstrel Co., is still on the road. We are now in our favorite state, dear old Arkansas and doing a splendid winter season business. Mr. and Mrs. Jelly E. Davis, former stars of this company, are now in New Orleans visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Earnest Watts, late of the Alabama Minstrels, is now featuring the show. He would like to hear from Billy Edwards, Earnest Loftis and A. J. McFarland. Write care Freeman. Other newcomers are: Irving & Irving, who have just closed a six weeks' engagement at the Star theatre, Monroe, La.; Estella Allen and Albert Allen and Fred Jenkins. Kennell Jackson, singing and dancing soubrette, was married last night to Ed Robinson, buck and wing dancer and comedian, better known as "Foots." The ceremony was performed on the stage after the regular performance to a well appreciative audience. All wish the new couple much success. The team Sadler & Sadler are stil making good. Wiggs & Wiggs are still with us and send regards to T. S. Morris and other friends. Prof. E. W. Brown sends regards to Prof. Elwood Johnson and Prof. J. H. McCammon. Prof. Joe Nelson is with the Huntington's with wife and baby. All doing well and send regards to Marsh Craig. Why don't you write, Bub? Mr. J. A. Mullen has just received a double B flat bass from C. G. Conn. It only cost two hundred and a quarter. Ha, ha, ha. Watch out, Joe Miller. Tee, hee. Kid Doyle, the contortionist and slack wire artist, wants to hear from Henrietta Cole at once. Frank Edwards, trombonist, wants to know the whereabouts of Edward and Ethel Rucker. Mrs. Sylvester V. Bevard is now in New Orleans visiting friends and relatives. All send best regards. This company, although young ,is putting crepe on many a show door. Watch out, boys, don't let the baby run over you. (Smiles.) Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you weep alone. S. V. Bevard, reporter.

BOOKER WASHINGTON THEATRE ORCHESTRA, ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Booker Washington Theatre orchestra of St. Louis, is still rounding into popular favor with the patrons of the house. This week's program: Overture, "Sky Pilot;" Moana Waltz, cornet and trombone duet by J. Bryant and Steve Adams; "Cataract Ray;" xylophone solo, "One Wonderful Night," by Jasper Taylor. The present orchestra consists of six pieces. All are very good musicians, vieing with each other in a harmonious effort to make the B. W. orchestra one of the best in the business for its size, and in this they have succeeded. The following are a few of the selections which have been well rendered by the orchestra: Overtures, Semiramide; Far West; Rigoletto; Il Trovatore; Poet and Peasant; William Tell; Zampa; Morning Noon and Night in Vienna, and other heavy numbers too numerous to mention. Mr. Turpin, the proprietor of the house, spares no pains in his endeavors to secure the very best music published, ranging from popular to classic and the result is that the patrons are sure to hear a good musical program at all times. In providing a No. 1 library of music for his orchestra, Mr. Turpin sets an example which should be readily followed by all managers of vaudeville and picture houses.

Prof. James H. Harris, a home boy, is leader of the orchestra, and is undeniably one of the best violinists of the race, and Mr. Turpin was fortunate in securing the services of such a talented young man for his house. The other members of the organization are: Miss Ruth Heath, pianist; Steve Adams, trombone; Fred Richardson, clarinet; Jay Bryant, cornet; Jasper "Rube" Taylor, drums and xylophone soloist.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATER, PHILADELPHIA.

(J. H. Gray, 1221 Pine Street.)

J. Leubria Hill and his famous Darktown Follies in "My Friend from Kentucky," held the boards at Gibson's New Standard Theater all this week to standing room only, and from the many outbreaks of laughter that the company were responsible for, it is safe to assert that "My Friend from Kentucky" tickled the fancy of everybody. The play was wholesome. It had all the accessories of a pleasing musical comedy. It has principals of considerable reputation as artists, music that has the typical musical comedy swing and melody, an attractive chorus of handsomely gowned girls, above the average in point of good looks, a look that has more than the ordinary consistency, and stage settings that please the eye. The principals worked assiduously to make the comedy a success. There are half a dozen songs that have distinctive merit, and there were frequent encores. The dancing was a delightful feature. In fact, there were so many bright spots in the production that enumeration of them is not necessary. The musical program, most of which was incorporated in the play, came in for its share of applause.

CONRAD DUDLEY NOT DEFEATED BY JACKIE MOORE.

To the Sporting Editor of The Freeman:

Dear Sir—I see in your valuable paper where Jackie Moore claims to have defeated me here on Christmas last. I wish to say that Jackie is wrong. I have defeated him twice, once being robbed in Kansas City, but I have tried to teach him a lesson since that date.

On all occasions I had to make weight for Jackie and it proved a big handicap for me. I have been boxing but a short time, but am glad to say that I am making the good boys sidestep, and I would like to say that I think that this will be a good town for the colored boys this spring, summer and fall, and I am going to do the best I can to make this a good field. I can go a long ways here, so please tell all good boys at any weight that, providing their terms are suitable, they will get a chance in this town. Write in care of either Charlie Bird or Fred Jackson, care Dunbar Athletic Club, 111 South Fourteenth street, Omaha, Neb.

These two gentlemen are going to a big expense this summer for the colored men's pleasure. At the present time they are doing something that the whites can not do—that is, they are pulling fights in the form on exhibitions, and they are going strong. Hoping to hear from you soon, I hope to remain, as ever yours,

CONRAD YOUNG DUDLEY.

WHAT SEATTLE SAID OF THE GEORGIAS.

Richards & Pringle's Minstrels opened for a week's engagement on Sunday afternoon. The cast includes quite a few colored performers who are familiar because of their long association with the company and its periodical visits to Seattle. Notably among these are Sidney Kirkpatrick, Chicken Reel Beaman and John A. Watts. The latter, though 74 years of age, 24 of which he has been with the company, sings "Silver Threads Among the Gold" and gets away with it. The features of the first part include several tuneful solos and much comedy. Most of the fun is left to Beaman and Manzy Campbell. Campbell's solo, "I Ain't Got Nobody," entitles him to a lot of consideration.

The second part opens with a hoop rolling act by Moppin & Herndon, during which they manipulate the hoops in a skillful manner and introduce several new tricks which were well received. The quartet numbers by Viney, Walls, Kirkpatrick and Doctor DeAcklen have a swing that gets them several encores. Chicken Reel Beaman's monologues about his father and himself for fifteen minutes raise more laughs per minute than does many a single turn playing farther up town. He is followed by a musical skit introducing dance numbers by many of the company. Then there is some saxaphone music by Leach, Stevens, Moppin & Miller, that scored nicely, after which the show closes with a nautical sketch in which Campbell raises a lot of laughs. The production is well staged and costumed and the chorus work shows careful training. All of the numbers were freely applauded Sunday night and the company was quick to respond with encores. It's a long show and entertaining.—Critic, Seattle, December 30.

Richards & Pringle's Minstrels, a potpourri of southern plantation melodies, dancing, burlesque and vaudeville skits, pleased a large audience at the opening performance at the Seattle Theater last night. The negro troupe is nimble-footed, funny and tuneful. Both the traditional Part 1, with the interlocutor and end men and the olio, and Part 2 are good, and the company brings an assortment of new and catchy songs and new quips.

The feature songs in the first part brought forth two clever comedians in Bennie Jones and Chicken Reel Beaman, who sang "Bobbin' Up and Down" and "Down in Arkansaw." Beaman of the golden smile had a monologue which gave him a better opportunity to prove bis qualities as a funmaker.

"I Ain't Got Nobody," a tearful catch, sung by Manzy Campbell in lugubrious mood, was one of the hits of the first part.

Creole songs crooned by the entire company, with levee dancing specialties, made up the number "Moonlight 'Mongst the Georgia Pines."

Moppin & Herndon displayed cleverness in juggling and spinning hoops.

The company quartet sang new songs. The closing act, "The Vera Cruel Recruits," was a nonsensical skit that pleased the crowd.

A quartet of saxaphones played popular airs.

In the first part John A. Watts, a negro tenor in his seventies, who has been in minstrelsy 22 years, sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

William DeAcklen's bass solos were of merit.

The minstrels show at the Seattle all week.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer, December 29.

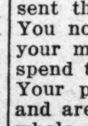
S. H. DUDLEY AGAIN WRITES IN INTEREST OF SHOW BUSINESS.

For a long time I have been trying to put colored show business or circuits on a par with the opposite race, as near as possible. No one or two men can do this. I have spent thousands of dollars, besides my valuable time, trying to promote and elevate colored theatricals. For years I struggled through the country with the Smart Set Company, employing from thirty to sixty people, each season. At one time we had Williams & Walker, Cole & Johnson, Earnest Hogan and myself, heading a company of the same number of people, and some of the others employed more. I was the last to give up the fight. Since that day there have been hundreds of people who have been without employment, and I have tried to provide it for them. Several others have done the same.

After looking into the siauation I have found that co-operation is the only redemption, and the managers and promoters have got to get together. I appeal to the managers and ask you, "Why not book through a substantial enterprise or agency?" There are but two recognized agents who are paying license to operate the same and I assure you that I am not selfish. If you don't care to book through the S. H. Dudley Theatrical enterprise, I recommend the Colored Consolidated Vaudeville Exchange, operated by Mr. Klein. Either of us can furnish you acts for the same salary you are paying them and at the same time relieve you of your worry and responsibility and save you the expense of telegraphing to acts you have given work to and they have failed to show up after you have billed them as your feature attraction and sent them tickets as they requested. You now have no means of getting your money back, as they sometimes spend the money you sent for tickets. Your patrons are expecting this act and are disappointed. Sometimes the whole show fails to show up. What is the result? The manager gets what local talent there is in the city and the act goes on the stage and is a scream. Why? Because it is home talent and everybody in town knows them. They begin to write and book themselves as actors. The manager has put two or three new acts in the business and there is not enough work for those who have spent their entire life in the field. This act is an entire frost in the next town and is perhaps canceled. You, Mr. Local Manager, are responsible for this. Not that I object to the talent that home talents possess, but let them get in touch with some one who has had experience along his line and get something written for them so they can display their talent. Then the act is worth something to the negro profession. Why not let all the managers co-operate and book through a licensed exchange. Let us co-operate. Let us get more novelty acts, so our vaudeville bills will be a variety. Let us stop putting on old worn-out afterpieces and calling it "stock." With the single exception of Billy King and his well balanced bunch of players, and Russell & Owens, we have no stock companies that are capable of the application of the word "stock" or comedy company. Yes, it is true that we can organize some, but I am speaking of the present and the betterment of the future.

Mr. Manager, wake up, you are killing the business and standing in your own light. In union there is strength. I sincerely hope that my article has impressed the reader, especially the managers and performers, and that you will get together and improve and elevate the profession and not pull it down. I thank you for your valuable time and I thank the manager for the space in this valuable paper.

S. H. DUDLEY.



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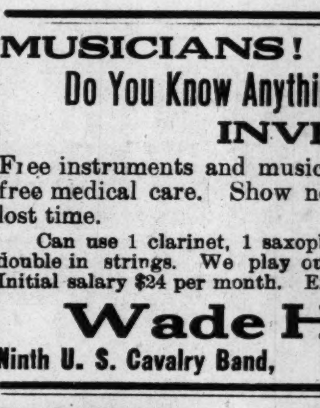

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THE BROADWAY SPORTING CLUB HAS WOMEN PATRONS—FREDDIE WELSH, CHAMP, WRITES INTERESTING ARTICLES.

(By Billy Lewis.)

The Broadway Sporting Club of New York, began, this week, giving matinees to which women were invited. They are a first of a series of weekly boxing events—three-round bouts, between amateurs. Tea will be served; concerts will also be features. According to the information the boxers will be costumed as it becomes such occasions.

It is said that if the afternoon boxing teas become popular other clubs will fall in line. The women of this country have not looked on the boxing business with favor, and not without reason. It is only recently that the men have learned to tolerate it. It is plain that there is an upward trend of pugilism; it is losing in brutality; it is growing more scientific, becoming more and more a thing of physical culture, which is a good thing for the male population. These are not piping times of peace; encouragement of physical endurance and skill is in order.

The white people of this country and perhaps of other enlightened countries have a way of taking ninety-nine years' leases, meaning an insured foundation against business interruption. Germany puts the idea into practice in a physical way—a part of that thing, German kultur, now spoken of so much. The whole country stands for it. Germany does not box very much; it wrestles, and of course, does all of those other things which mean physical development. They take a ninety-nine years' physical lease; behold the preparedness!

One must admit that there's something of the brutal in prize fighting—even in boxing, especially when carried to great lengths. It appears that the managers of the Broadway Club had this in mind when limiting the bouts to three rounds. The ladies will be able to stand this. Perhaps nothing is more inspiring by way of physical encounter when two males of any description first meet. When two cocks, two bulls or two fairly evenly mated dogs meet in the flush of their physical beings it is a most glorious sight to see. Note the rushes, the attacks, deploys, retreats, advances, the flanking, semingly the outpost of human intelligence! It is only when they have fought long, when wearied and jaded down spiritually and physically that we wish the curtain rung down. Some, of course, wish to see the bitter end. But among men the bitter end does not serve general purpose. Having this in mind I do not think men should ever go beyond ten rounds. Six rounds is a fine stopping point. However, if the ladies are present three rounds is ideal. The three-round pink tea boxing bouts are likely to become popular.

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In one of the eastern publications there is being conducted what is called Freddie Welsh's column. It may be that Freddie is getting considerable coaching in his journalistic endeavor, for he is doing some of the most effective work ever seen in line —"training body and brain to win." Perhaps I am unduly influenced by the young English lightweight champ, but, to my way of thinking, the column is the best thing being done in sport.

Already he has appeared in two articles. The third one is before me. Space here will not permit the reproduction of all he has to say. I should say, too, that his stuff is copyrighted, but we think he will consider it a compliment to himself to have it reproduced. And more than that, what he says will answer admirably as a text book of the subject. For that reason I think he will be pleased to see it circulated as broadly as possible.

What follows are the words in part of Mr. Welsh's third article:

The Duty of Being Strong.

When I was a kid about eight years old over in Pontypridd, Wales, I made up my mind that it would be a fine thing to be strong. And I know that nearly every boy feels the same way. I know that the main reason why I wanted to be strong then was so that I could fight. Sure, the same thing is true with me today, for that matter, though if I were in any other line of work I would want to be strong just the same.

Anyway, when I first went to school it was very quickly made clear to me by the school bullies that if I didn't "fag" for them I would get licked. And since it went again my grain to be anything in the nature of a personal servant to them I did get licked at first. I found that a fellow has got to be strong. So I went to work to get strong and to learn a little about boxing. And it wasn't so very long before I was able to lick the biggest bully in school, and that gave me peace.

I had the same experience later a number of times at other schools, on the playground and around town. To hold my own it was necessary to be strong and able to fight. But I really learned the lesson that first time, when eight years old, and I have never forgotten it. I am sorry to say that when from fourteen to eighteen years of age I did not take the proper care of myself, largely through the influence of a careless set of fellows that I associated with, and pretty nearly made a complete wreck of myself. I was one of those regular cigarette fiends, and was careless in my hours and in other ways.

Freddie Starts a "New Life."

But it was only through thoughtlessness, as I think it usually is, for all the while I was interested in boxing and strength of body. That early lesson had stuck to me, and finally brought me to my senses, so that I cut loose from all my old associations and began to live a new life, rapidly building myself up. That was ten years ago. A year later, when circumstances threw me into the boxing game, I needed all my strength. But I have now had enough general experience to know that, any way you take it, life is a good deal of a fight, and that in any business you have got to be strong, and the stronger the better.

Can anybody and everybody be strong? Well, why not? There are only a few exceptions, mostly cripples of one kind or another, the victims of misfortune. Of course you can be strong, and you haven't any business to be anything else. It isn't simply muscles that you want. It's the strong machinery inside.

A few years ago some humorist, George Ade, I think, said something about whiskers. I believe he said there were some things that you cannot help, but that "whiskers is a man's own fault." Well, weakness is like whiskers. It is your own fault. If you don't take care of your face regularly and you're a man, then you are going to around pushing a brush in front of you, and no mistake about it.

It's Weakness Not to Keep Right.

And in the same way, if you don't take at least some care of your body you are likely to have a large growth of weakness sooner or later. There's this difference, that weakness does not come simply because you neglect to do certain things, but sometimes also because of doing certain other things. Perhaps I should not make such a comparison. Some men are proud of their whiskers. Whiskers may be magnificent, I am told, but weakness never. In either case, weakness is far worse than whiskers—really it is. I shrink from either, but of the two, in an extremity, I would choose the lesser evil.

However, it is just as easy to be strong as to be a weakling. Perhaps you never thought of that. It is really a whole lot easier to be strong, because life is easy to live, as well as more pleasant to love. If you are a weakling, exertion is painful. Every littlest thing you do is an effort, and at that you can only do very little. You can't tackle a big job. While if you are strong, everything you do is easy.

If you are strong enough you can go after the big things and get away with them simply because you have the stamina to keep after them until you get them. Why, to be strong is only the natural condition, and this has been true all the way from the monkeys down. It has always been necessary for men and near men to be strong in order to stay on this little ball of earth and water that we inhabit. For a million of years the weaklings have been dying off, which means that our own ancestors all the way back have been among the strong or we would not be here. So that we have really inherited health and strength for a million years down, and there's no reason for weakness in most cases, except laziness and carelessness. Mother Nature is a great old girl, and if you will give her only half a chance she will give you the strength that you ought to have.

But there is one quality that is more important than any other in bringing success. I believe that it is energy. When you go up against this old world for the finish fight you have got to have energy and endurance. All the big successful men have plenty of nervous energy, and if they keep their bodies sound and healthy they are still big and successful men when they are old. As my old friend Napoleon (French champion a hundred years ago) used to say: "No man can win in the battle of life who has not courage and persistency. These are impossible where energy is lacking; hence energy is the indispensable quality of great success."

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Chicago.—If a well-planned coup of the United States Department of Justice is successful Jack Johnson, the Negro pugilist, may soon find himself back in the United States, from which he fled, facing the prison bars as a white slaver. The scheme leaked out yesterday when it was learned that lawyers engaged by John Bull, a London weekly periodical, were here inquiring into Johnson's past record for the purpose of contesting a suit filed by the pugilist for blackening his character. The lawyers conferred with federal officers. Johnson recently sued the corporation for $50,000, alleging that his character was defamed in an article published about him. District Attorney Charles F. Clyne is anxious to get the fighter back here so that he might be resentenced by the federal court. Though silent upon the subject of the plans to bring him back, Mr. Clyne said he would not deny the report.

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New York, January 18.—Homer Baker, ahlf-mile champion of America and England, will not be seen in competition again for at least four months. He made the announcement today after consulting a physician about a bad leg which he injured abroad last summer.

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New York, January 18.—The pugilistic spotlight in the east is turning Gothamward, for the coming bout between Champion Freddie Welsh and Charley White, the Chicago contender, at Madison Square Garden, January 26. Both boxers started active training today. White and his manager, Nate Lewis, blew in from Chicago last night and prepared today to start the old grind with a vim.

Welsh is doing his training at Jim Donovan's camp at Ocean Point, N. J., White is stationed at Dal Hawkins place in Westchester.

One-Round Hogan has agreed to stop Charley's famous left hooks during the preliminary workouts.

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New York, January 18.—Sammy Harris, manager of Kid Williams, bantamweight champion, is in receipt of a telegram today offering Williams $5,000 to meet Frankie Burns, the Jersey contender at New Orleans in a twenty-round bout for the championship.

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Chicago, January 18.—Ad Wolgast, ex-lightweight champion, and Joe Mandot, the New Orleans baker boy, will meet in the Crescent City Sunday, February 14. The mill, which is scheduled for twenty rounds before the club conducted by Tortorich and McCarey, was definitely clinched yesterday when Tommy Walsh talked with Wolgast over the long distance telephone. Wolgast is at his home in Cadillac, Mich., getting ready to start out on another swing through the boxing centers following his layout due to a smashed hand.

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New York, January 18.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, administered a bad beating to Porky Flynn, of Boston, in a ten-round bout in Broklyn Saturday night. Dillon had the better of every round, the Boston heavyweight being knocked through the ropes in the fourth, the bell saving him from being counted out. Dillon weighed 175 1-2 and Flynn 193 pounds.

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New York.—Gunboat Smith has gone to New Orleans, where he will start training for his bout with Battling Levinsky there January 24. Smith will receive $1,500 with a privilege of 35 per cent. of the receipts and Levinsky will get $1,250 with a privilege of 30 per cent.

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Mrs. Bob Fitzsimmons has secured a divorce from her husband Bob, the ex-heavyweight champion.

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New York.—Joe Shugrue, the clever Jersey lightweight, may battle Joe Rivers over the ten-round route in Milwaukee January 29. In answer to a wire from Frank Mulkern, the Beertown impressario, Pete Fitzgerald, Shugrue's manager, wired that his terms were a guaranty of $3,000, with a privilege of 30 per cent. of the receipts.

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Fitzsimmons at present is touring his 18-year-old son and Bob firmly believes that by the time he is ready to turn him loose in the heavyweight division he will be the boy to win the heavyweight crown. Fitzsimmons, Jr., looks like a well put up youth and as he is just a few inches shorter than his father at the present time he is promising anyway.

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Recently the following appeared in a New York paper concerning the bill at the Lafayette Theatre:

"Heading the bill was young George Dixon, featherweight championship aspirant, in a physical culture, bag punching and shadow boxing. This act was quite a novelty and scored heavily. Dixon closed Wednesday's performance with Sailor Lewis Burton of the U. S. S. Arkansas, the bantam and featherweight champion of the navy, the first and only colored boy to hold two titles in the service."

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Akron, O., January 15.—Akron's anti-boxing ministers prepared today to carry their protest against the Welsh-Griffiths battle here February 1 to Governor Willis, Mayor Rockwell, Sheriff Corey and Prosecuting Attorney Kennedy have all refused to interfere with the scheduled bout.

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Sportsman are generally inclined to agree that to Lord Walsingham, whose third marriage recently took place, belongs the distinction of being the finest shot in England. At one time he was the only man in the world whose aim was so accurate that he was able to shoot wasps on the wing. This feat requires a marvelous eye, and the steadiest of hands. Lord Walsingham had a miniature rifle specially constructed for the purpose of shooting these pests.

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New York.—Should Jess Willard meet with an accident before his big fight with Jack Johnson, at Juarez, Mexico, March 6, his place will be taken by Gunboat Smith. Jack Curley, manager of the big mill, arranged today to have Smith on hand ready to jump in at a moment's notice if Willard is unable to fight. A substitute will also be hunted up for Johnson, although his name has not been announced.

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Young Saylor, through his manager, Ray Bronson, today closed a match with Leo Kelly for twelve rounds at St. Louis on January 26. Kelly is the idol of the St. Louis fight fans, and he is being touted for honors in the lightweight division. Bronson also accepted a tentative date for a bout between Chick Hayes, the local bantam, and Bobby Brandt before the St. Louis club. It is probable that Saylor will also take on Willie Beecher, the New York lightweight, for ten rounds two days before the St. Louis fight. Bronson had been dickering with the Columbus authorities, and it was not until after he closed the St. Louis deal that a telegram was received saying that Beecher had agreed to meet Saylor on January 24.

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Chicago.—After breaking the world's long distance record in checkerdom, by playing twenty-three drawn games at the National Sportsmen Club, January 19, the contest between Alfred Jordan, title holder, and Newell W. Banks, former American champion, closed when the Englishman took the twenty-fourth game. The old mark of eighteen games has stood for eleven years.

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El Paso, Tex.—Jack Johnson intends to dodge all Mexican territory controlled by General Carranza in getting to Juarez for his fight with Jess Willard, March 6. Jack Curley is here today (January 19) to make arrangements for the fight, and said he was confident Johnson would be able to elude the hostile revolutionary faction. Willard is expected to arrive here next Sunday.

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Grand Rapids, Mich.—The Michigan legislature will be called upon at its present session, to vote upon a measure legalizing ten-round bouts throughout the state. It is the plan of the promoters of the project to operate on a scale similar to that employed in Wisconsin and New York.

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John Lester Johnson, quite a clever heavyweight of New York, is the latest to show surprising form, and he really must be well worth consideration when all New York turns out when this gent performs. His latest feat was a newspaper shade over Joe Jeannette, the Clever Hoboken boxer. These two gents of color were matched before the New Pierre A. C. on 44th street, just west of Broadway, in New York, and on the same card Battling Jim Johnson, of Philadelphia, who recently showed some sign of a white feather in a scheduled 10-round bout with Sam McVey, of Paris, France. They boxed in the old Fairmont Club in the Bronx and not one of the thousands who paid admission to this bout was pleased with the outcome and they all call Mr. Jim Johnson the sole cause, but he easily redeemed himself by defeating Kid Jackson, another color a la mode. These were the two star attractions and with a very peculiar left and some clever feinting John Lester Johnson had easily earned a slight shade over Jeannette. This is the second time the pair have met and with a few years more to perfect the puzzling style in which John Lester Johnson is now so successfully venturing on, I am sure he will be placed in a class with Langford, Wills and Johnson. I doubt very seriously if there is a heavyweight in the East who can set a pace beyond Lester's standing. His remarkable speed and dazzling style places him in a class by himself. John Lester Johnson is said to be quite young and conducts his own gymnasium in 132d street (No. 25 West). He is under the able management of Freeman Bernstein, 517 Putnam Building, 44th and Broadway, New York City.

BAKER BEAT BLACKBURN BY A SLIGHT LEAD AT THE PHILADELPHIA FAIRMOUNT ATHLETIC CLUB.

Harry Baker, the Wilmington middle weight, outpointed Jack Blackburn in six rounds of sensational boxing in the wind up at the Fairmount Club Tuesday night before an audience of five thousand people, the largest of the season. The fight was hard fought from start to finish, and while Baker had a slight margin at the end, Blackburn was coming fast in the last two rounds, and there is no telling what might have happened if they had had a few rounds more to go. Baker scored a knockdown in the first. Blackburn landed hard on Baker in the second, which was about even. Baker, with a strong jab staggered Jack almost across the ring in the third, and a little later drove Blackburn to the ropes with a hard body punch. The fourth was a hard round, Blackburn having the lead in the early part of the round, Baker coming strong in the last minute. The fifth was a hot one, and it ended in about an even break, both men doing hard work. Blackburn had the better of the sixth. He began fighting in his old style form and caught Baker with a couple of hard knocks, one of which staggered him and made him hold on. Neither man showed any marks of the bout after it ended.

ONE-ROUND BESS CHALLENGES SAM JOHNSON AND THE REST OF THEM.

Indianapolis, Ind., January 16.
Sporting Editor, The Freeman.

I take great pleasure in putting a column in your paper. I want to say that I challenge the world at 118 and 120 pounds, bar no one. I would take great pleasure in boxing Mr. Sam Johnson for a purse of $50 or $60 and the winner take all just as soon as I can find a club to stage it. I want him for my first meal ticket, for he looks good to me. I was to box Kid Green in New Orleans last month, but I never heard anything more about it. I hope to. I would like to hear from Billy McClure, Kid Polo, Young Palmer, Sam Johnson and Kid Green. I would like to hear from some good club booking colored boys. I would like to meet the man who put me down for the count of ten once more. He would be surprised to know the result. That is Mr. Jacky Moore. I hope to hear from some of these boys soon. I can be found at 1033 N. West street, or at The Freeman office.

Yours truly,
O. R. BESS.

One-Round Bess' Record.

1912.

June 6, Young Johnson, K. O., 4 rounds, Indianapolis.
August 7, Kid Creed, K. O., 6 rounds, Indianapolis.
September 10, Kid Child, K. O., 4 rounds, Indianapolis.
September 30, Kid Creed, K. O., 4 rounds, Indianapolis.
October 11, Kid Rose, lost, 2 rounds, Indianapolis.

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May 30, Young Joe Gans, K. O., 6 rounds, Indianapolis.
June 13, K. O. Stocking, K. O., 5 rounds, Indianapolis.
June 30, K. O. Stocking, K. O., 3 rounds, Noblesville, Ind.
July 4, Young Joe Gans, K. O., 2 rounds, Indianapolis.
July 20, George Dixon, K. O., 2 rounds, Indianapolis.
July 30, Kid Williams, K. O., 2 rounds, Indianapolis.
August 13, Slosser Williams, K. O., 8 rounds, Sheridan, Ind.
August 25, Slosser Williams, K. O., 4 rounds, Indianapolis.
August 30, Kid Bell, K. O., 5 rounds, Indianapolis.
September 10, Jacky Moore, K. O., 2 rounds, Indianapolis.
September 20, Kid Bell, K. O., 1 round, Indianapolis.
September 30, Kid Williams, K. O., 3 rounds, Indianapolis.
October 11, Kid Murphy, K. O., 4 rounds, Indianapolis.
October 20, Kid Bryant, lost, 3 rounds, Indianapolis.
November 6, Kid Bryant, draw, 3 rounds, Indianapolis.
November 30, Young Jack, K. O., 2 rounds, Indianapolis.
December 6, Blue Grass Kid, K. O., 1 round, Indianapolis.
December 14, Kid Snow, K. O., 3 rounds, Indianapolis.
December 20, Battling Sam, K. O., 4 rounds, Indianapolis.

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January 20, Billy McClure, K. O., 2 rounds, West Baden, Ind.
March 4, Jacky Moore, lost, 2 rounds, Terre Haute, Ind.
March 20, Billy McClure, draw, 10 rounds, West Baden, Ind.

Rivers Gets It Again.

Memphis.—Frankie Callahan, the young lightweight, of Brooklyn, knocked out Joe Rivers, of Los Angeles, Cal., in the second round of a scheduled eight-round fight here January 19. A right to the jaw was the undoing of the Mexican. He hit the floor with a thud, and was hauled to his corner by his seconds after Callahan had raised his victim to his feet.

Rivers outboxed Callahan in the first round, and had the better of the situation. He jabbed Callahan repeatedly and crossed a right several times. Callahan was as cool as could be in the opening round and apparently was not a whit worried.

After an exchange of short punches in the middle of the ring in the second round Rivers missed a hard right and jumped away from Callahan. Frankie flew at the Mexican and shot a short right to the jaw before Rivers had hardly gained his bearing. Rivers fell head foremost Rivers fell head foremost and the and the count could have been twenty as well as ten. It was a lucky punch. It was wel laimed, straight and went straight to its destination.

Joe Levy, manager of Rivers, said after the fight: "It's a hard ending when a youngster like that finishes you."

MANY DOUBT WILLARD'S ABILITY TO WIN CROWN.

Challenger Accused of Lacking Nerve—Gamblers Await Golden Harvest.

New York.—Jess Willard may grab the championship crown from Jack Johnson, late of Chicago, and still later Parisian bounder, at their little meeting in Juarez, Mexico, in March, but there are doubters galore.

The Kansas cowboy, the experts are now busy pointing out, has the heft, the ability to take puuishment and a medium-sized punch. The chief objection seems to be that he lacks ring experience and that his attitude in the squared circle is entirely too mild.

Willard is now accused of lacking nerve, but many critics complain that he is not an aggressive campaigner. And they figure that the man who takes the title from Lil' Arthur must go after the dusky one from the start and give him a whale of a beating.

Those fight birds who look to Willard to win believe Johnson has gone back at a tremendous pace. Also there are some cautious suggestions from certain quarters that while the title is getting worthless to Johnson because he is barred from the United States, it would prove of immense money-getting value to the Kansan. The boys who wager real money on the scrap are not losing sight of this fact either.

Reports from Juarez say that the Mexican gambling house proprietors, curio dealers and gents whose bars have never been known to close, are washing their pink and blue store fronts and preparing for a big business. Incidentally, General Villa's brother, part owner of the biggest gambling dive in the border town, counts on grabbing out of the throng of fight bugs about as much coin as Johnson or Willard.

If Johnson emerges from the Juarez bout safely, he will be confronted by the two Sams, McVey and Langford, who are waiting for a crack at their colored brother. Johnson is now thirty-seven years old and it looks like a sure bet that the crown, will drop from his peak, if not in one of these three prospective battles, at least within a short time.

SAYLOR WILL MEET EDDIE MOY.

Milburn Saylor, the hard-hitting local lightweight, has been matched to meet Eddie Moy in a scheduled six-round contest before the Olympia A. A. in Philadelphia, February 1. This will be the second meeting of the pair, Saylor having boxed Moy a twenty-round draw shortly after his return from Australia. Saylor also has a bout scheduled for Joe Genail, at St. Louis, slated for January 26. Ray Bronson, who is looking after Saylor's interests, is planning to take Saylor to New York, where he believes he can get Saylor battles with the good ones and pull down the big change. Saylor has beaten Young Shugrue and many of the other lads who are now in the east going after big purses and Bronson believes the only way to get work is to be on the ground. Genail is to substitute for Leo Kelly, with whom Saylor was matched. Kelly was injured in a recent bout with Wildcat Fernes and wired he would be unable to meet the Hoosier.

LEO JOHNSON STOPS JOE GANS IN EIGHTH; LATTER CLAIMS FOUL

NEW ORLEANS, La.—There was considerable squabbling at the North Side Athletic Club Friday night when Leo Johnson, negro lightweight, was awarded the decision over Joe Gans in the eighth round of their scheduled twenty-round go. When Johnson floored his opponent in this round with a terrific blow to the body, Gans remained down for a while and claimed that he had been fouled when Johnson was declared the winner.

An examination of a doctor who happened to be near the ring when Gans said he had been fouled failed to find any evidence which would make good Joe's claim. Johnson, just before sending his opponent down, had put over several body blows which were not very pleasing to Gans. He seemed to have had the fight his way in the eighth, sending in stiff punches which told on his opponent.

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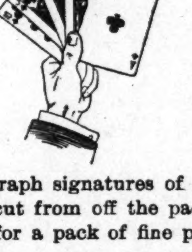

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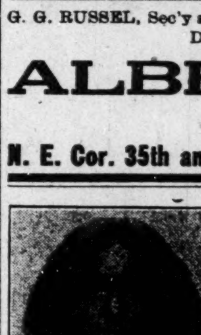

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Mrs. Lottie Williams, of Knightstown, Ind., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Emma Du Valle.

Johnny Woods, well known about Indianapolis for years, died at his home in this city last week.

The remains of "Toots" Marshall, formerly of this city, were brought home from Chicago last week for burial.

Robert A. King, of this city, and Mrs. Mildred J. Jones, of French Lick, Ind., were married at the home of the Rev. W. I. Rowan, last Wednesday evening.

A successful evangelistic campaign was closed last Friday evening at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, under the direction of the Rev. H. W. Williams, of Owensboro, Ky.

Benjamin Taylor, captain of the A. B. C. base ball team, in company with several of his teammates, departed last week for Palm Beach, Fla., for a series of exhibition games. The team will return here in March.

Mrs. H. S. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shelton are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Knox this week.

Mr. W. Z. Jones and wife, of Chicago, are visiting in the city, as guests of Mrs. Emma Miller, 1109 north West St.

Mr. Elmo Denny, a representative of the Guy Smith Transfer Co., of Louisville, Ky., was in the city a few days this week. He came to purchase an automobile truck for his company.

Mr. Fred Powell died at his home, 718 North Senate avenue, January 20. Was buried at his birthplace, Nashville, Tenn. His body was accompanied by his wife and mother, Mrs. Lucinda Powell, of Nashville, Tenn. Rev. L. P. Powell, of Detroit, a brother and sister.

ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH.

The pastor and members of St. Paul Temple A. M. E. church are very grateful to the many kind friends who assisted us in the erection of our new church. It was a hard struggle with the stringent times and other mishaps against us, but the Lord was on our side and led us on until now we have the upper structure enclosed and the basement below neatly fitted up for services. Our first service was held last Sunday, to the joy of all that were present. We now take great pleasure in inviting the general public to come and worship and rejoice with us and see what the Lord has done for us.

SPIRITUALISTIC CHURCHES.

Madam Meadows gave eighty-three messages Monday night to a well-filled house of mostly all strangers. She explains everything so thoroughly to everyone. She makes everybody welcome to her meetings, which are held from 8:30 till 10:30.

DR. C. A. TOLES ENTERTAINS.

Dr. C. A. Toles entertained a bunch of his friends at his home on Hillside avenue, last Monday evening.

Among those present were Dr. C. R. Akins, Messrs Grant S. Smith, Walter K. Lewis, Robert T. Williams, Charles W. Anderson, Ben. E. Broyles and Walter W. Marshall.

Supper, which consisted of various seasonable dishes, was prepared by the mother and sister of the host, Mrs. Mollie Toles and Miss Luella Toles. An enjoyable evening was spent playing whist.

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TRINITY BIBLE SCHOOL.

Prof. H. Britt, the noted gospel singer, of Louisville, Ky., will sing at the Evangelistic service at the school Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock.

The singing by the Y. M. C. A. quartette and the concert under Mme. BoneParte will be special speaker at the opening of the ministers training department, at Ebenezer Baptist church, Monday night.

Mrs. M. Grislesby will give her first lecture in the missionary course Monday afternoon, from 3 to 4.

Wednesday night the students will have their first recitation in the minister's training department.

All departments will be opened next week according to the printed schedule.

A. M. E. ZION CHURCH, CORNER NORTH AND BLACKFORD STS.

The pastor will speak in the morning and in the afternoon the Ladies Social Club will celebrate the minister's fourth pastorial anniversary. A program will be rendered envolving many of the ministers and laymen of the city. Rev. W. S. Hodge, D. H. D., is master of ceremonies.

In the evening master Willie Watkins, the boy preacher of Allen's Chapel, will speak. On Monday night the local Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society will have a "folklore" concert, given by the old folks.

On Thursday night will be general class and on Friday night the third quarterly conference.

W. I. Rowan, Pastor.

GEORGE SIMMONS ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF MRS. HENRY SHERMAN SMITH.

On Tuesday evening Mr. George G. Simmons, foreman and compositor of the Freeman composing room, entertained at dinner, at the beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood C. Knox, 814 north West street, in honor of Mrs. H. S. Smith, of Chicago, sister of Mrs. Susan Knox, and mother of Miss Mabel Smith.

Everything in and out of season was served. After dinner the guests were surprised and delighted with a reading from Mr. Simmons. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Shelton and daughter, Miss Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. N. Shelton, Mrs. P. Artis, Mrs. L. Craig, Miss Mabel Smith, Mr. Horacio Matt, Mr. William Lewis, Haynes Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Knox. Beautiful piano selections were rendered by Mr. R. B. Shelton and vocal selections by Hayes Wilson and Miss Marion Shelton. The guests departed at a late hour claiming Mr. Simmons to be the most delightful host.

THE A. M. E. ZION QUARTERLY REVIEW.

January 22, 1915.
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Editor Indianapolis Freeman:

My Dear Sir—

I am writing you just a line to say that on account of my election to the secretary and treasurship of the Ministerial Brotherhood and Relief Company of our church, which department I am now operating in connection with the Review, I have been forced to move the Review office from 112 south Bayou street, Mobile, Alabama, to 608 Depot street, Winston, Salem, N. C.

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Wishing you a "Happy New Year" and the largest measure yet attained in the journalistic world, I beg to remain yours friendly,

L. W. Kyles,
Editor and manager.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Dr. David D. Latshaw, of New York City, delivered a very forceful and clear cut address to the men of the Monster Meeting on last Sunday. The special numbers rendered by the Second Christian church choir was very favorably received.

Rev. A. H. Maloney, vicar of St. Phillips Episcopal church, will address the men of the Monster Meeting on next Sunday, January 31, on "Christian Citizenship: A Constructive Study." Mr. George G. Simmons will recite "Justice at the Golden Gate." The meeting starts promptly at 3:00 o'clock and the men are urged to be on hand at the beginning, thereby contribute much to its success by their early presence. The Y. M. C. A. orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

Rev. John Brice, pastor of Witherspoon Presbyterian church, will be the speaker at the Boys' Meeting Sunday afternoon. Special music will be furnished by the boy's band from 2:30 to 3:00 p. m. and Mr. T. L. P. Davis will sign a solo. All boys between the ages of 12 and 18 are cordially invited to attend. This is the first Boy's Monster Meeting to be conducted by the new boys' secretary, J. M. Benson.

Mr. Loyd Cox more than came up to the advance notices last Sunday when he delivered a thrilling talk to the boys on "A Chance to See the World."

Mr. H. B. Britt, "The Singing Evangelist," is stopping in the building the present week.

Rev. A. J. Phillips, of Chicago, is rooming at the building during his sojourn in the city.

The enrollments are coming in for the second term of the educational classes which begin February 1.

The interest in the bible classes continues to grow. More than seventy-five are enrolled in the various classes.

The sport loving public is promised a treat in the way of basketball when the team of colored boys from the Terre Haute Normal school line up against the "Y" boys Friday night.

Dr. H. W. Armstead's talk to the gymnasium men on Wednesday evening on "Patent Medicines." His remarks were timely and contained much valuable information concerning the fallacies of using patent medicines.

Dr. E. N. Perkins, the well known chiropodist, will speak to men Wednesday evening, February 3, at 8:30 p. m., on "The Care of the Feet."

The number of those interested in the Festival of Negro Folk Songs to be given under the auspices of the Association in April, increases at each rehearsal. The invitation is still extended to those who desire a part in this worth while undertaking.

Mr. R. P. Hamlin, Y. M. C. A. International Secretary from New York City, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday and stopped in the building. He addressed a gathering of 50 men in the educational parlors Thursday.

LOCAL ATTORNEYS WIN ANOTHER GREAT DECISIVE LEGAL BATTLE.

The public is already well informed of the facts and circumstances surrounding the arrest and incarceration of one Mack Proffit. How he went to the police station and asked for the chief of police, was arrested on a charge of loitering and when the case came up before Judge Deery and being shown that he had $1,000.00 on his person—money that he had saved while working at the Spencer House and other places—and in the absence of evidence sustaining the charge of loitering, was dismissed by Judge Deery, who advised him to deposit his money in a bank; how he was subsequently arrested by a constable on a charge of insanity and declared insane by a commission in Justice Lyons' court; how a receiver was appointed to take the custody and control of his money and how the receiver went to his room and found the $1,000.00 in his suit case. This was the state of the case when Attorney F. B. Ransom, of his own motion, took charge of the case and subsequently called in his associates, R. L. Bailey and R. L. Brokenburr, in the interest of justice, fair play and race pride. This well-known team in its characteristic way went to the bottom of the affair. In the meantime Dr. Jas. Norrell, who knew the Proffit family at Richmond, sent a telegram to the brother at Chicago advising him of the trouble of Mack and requested that he come at once. Upon the arrival of the brother he was advised that this well known team of associated attorneys had taken up the case, and after being fully advised as to the status of the case elected to retain the said attorneys in the case to fight the case for and on his behalf to a finish.

Immediately the attorneys filed a petition to have the brother of Mack Proffit appointed guardian to look after the property in event he should be subsequently declared insane. This was for the purpose of protecting the money. Then, feeling that an outrage had been perpetrated and not being willing to let the matter rest there, they filed a writ of habeas corpus, and Judge Moll, after thoroughly examining the application for the writ, immediately issued an order for the writ, commanding the sheriff to bring Mack Proffit into court on the following day to show cause why he should not be granted his freedom.

At the appointed time the trial was called, F. B. Ransom examined the witnesses and R. L. Bailey and R. L. Brokenburr argued and presented the points and phases of the law. The evidence showed conclusively that the petitioner was sane. The court made its findings accordingly and a side comment to the effect that he would like to have more citizens of Indianapolis like Mack Proffit. The lawyers were highly congratulated by the bar.

Public mention should be made of Dr. James Norrell, who gave expert testimony as to the sanity of the petitioner. Other race-loving citizens who interested themselves in this case were Mrs. Mary E. Cable, Madam C. J. Walker, Miss Clara Perry, Mrs. Lucas B. Willis, Miss Carrie Bond and Mrs. Mays, the well known nurse and social service worker, and W. F. Cannon, the merchant.

Sheriff Coffin was present at the hearing and when the court released Proffit he congratulated the attorneys and assured them that he had no desire to hold any one in jail or otherwise restrain them of their liberty except on good and sufficient grounds.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Monarch Club Initiates—Other News of the Twin Cities.

(By Z. L. Breedlove.)

The Monarch Club, the leading social club of the twin cities, initiated into its club two new members Friday evening, January 15, the two new members being Mr. L. R. Breedlove and Mr. William Mallory, of this city. After the initiation had been finished lunches were served at the chop suey parlors. The club has eleven active members. One of the members stated to the Freeman reporter that the club was never in such a flourishing condition. The club's sixth annual dance will be held on the twenty-fifth of February instead of the twenty-third as was stated in a recent issue of this paper.

The new Majestic Theatre gave its first show of vaudeville, composed of home talent, Friday evening, January 22. Mr. Bailey Hill and Co. were present in the new stunt, the Smart Set Comedy, which was played very good for amateurs. The house was crowded to standing room. Overtures: Earnest and Less Hill, singing and dancing. Donaldson and Walker Edwards in a "Trip to New York, Past and Future."

A. M. E. church: "The Influence of Love on Life" was the theme on which Rev. Jameson preached in the morning and at the evening services. He spoke on "Holy Ghost Power."

Salem Baptist: The morning subject was "Gilead, Balm and Physician. The B. Y. P. U. meeting was led by B. F. Crushon, L. B. Alexander acting as instructor. The pastor's subject at 7:30 was "The Voice of God."

I notice that some of our colored people are still patronizing the white theatres, where they are not wanted, when they have one of their own and where they can go and their patronage will be appreciated. I truly hope that this will not still continue, because I think that my race of people of the twin cities have more respect for their race than to pass up the Majestic Theatre for the white race's theatres. I appeal to the womanhood and manhood of the twin cities to patronize one another so that each one of us that are in business can give as much for the same amount of money as you can get from your brother in white.

On my daily rounds we see daily papers in the yards of Negroes' homes that are never unopened but are paid for in advance and some of these Negroes can't find anything in a race paper to interest them, and when asked to subscribe they want you to wait several weeks for the pay. I guess this is their reason. The Freeman reporter of Champaign desires to serve one and all in this and adjoining towns, but must have the money to serve you right.

Miss Leora Walker, en route from Anderson, Ind., to her home in Bloomington, Ill., stopped over in this city and visited Miss Jessie Jordon at her residence, 107 North Market street.

LEAVENWORTH, KAS.

Revs. Mayfield and Motton, residents of Oklahoma, are in the city assisting Rev. Dudley Hunt with his revival.

The funeral of Mrs. Glass, one of the oldest residents of this city, was held at the Methodist Church Monday afternoon, January 25th.

Mr. George Jackson of North Platte, Ia., was in the city visiting his family the week ending Sunday.

Mrs. Rowlette has returned home from San Antonio, Tex.

A delightful time was witnessed by all of those who attended the reception given at the Masonic Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henderson in compliment to the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson.

NEWS OF DAYTON, OHIO.

Mabel Upham, who died suddenly at the Miami Valley Hospital, was buried Saturday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the Zion Baptist church, of which she was a member. She left a two-weeks'-old infant.

Mrs. Julia Thomas died at her home on Dakota street.

You can get The Freeman at 321 Norwood avenue.

Melvin Lawhorn is still on the sick list.

Miss Louise Troy, teacher at Garfield school, has the la grippe. Her place is being filled by Miss Estella Turner.

The revival at Bethel Baptist church is still doing good work for the Master. A large number will be baptized Sunday.

The regular meetings of Zion B. church are attended well.

The revival of the Wesleyan church is progressing nicely.

Miss Dorothy Sandusky is reported better.

If you want a Freeman you can always find it at the Pekin Theatre.

The Muse-Us Club meet at Miss Willa Lee Dales, 102 River street, last Friday evening, but owing to the bad weather and illness of some of the members not many were present.

CITIZENS TO WELCOME DOCTORS.

First Public Meeting Held at Olivet to Announce Coming of National Association.

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Bright Outlook for Y. M. C. A.—Mr. Charles Pierce Doing Good Work—Pool Contest at Odd Fellows' Hall—Banquet to M. M. Roam by Chief Rangers of Foresters—Miss Ruth Bradley Entertained—Politics Brewing.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

Chicago, Ill., January 26.—When the National Medical Association meets here this summer, there is every indication that it will be the greatest meeting in it's history, not only by the members of the profession but by the many homes of the laity who are greatly interested in the progress made by the profession in the country. It is reported that Cook County Hospital will be thrown open to them and that Dr. John B. Murphy, Dr. W. E. Shrader, Dr. Thomas Watkins, Drs. Willis and Frank Andrews will hold clinics and that the Mayo Brothers will deliver addresses.

Noted Speakers on Program.

Dean Edwards, of the Northwestern University, Dean Quine, of P. and S., will be among those to participate on the program. The committee states that the program, including members of the association and the invited speakers, will be the greatest aggregation of medical and surgical brains ever assembled together in the United States.

The first public meeting announcing the coming of the National Medical Association was held on last Sunday night at Olivet Baptist church, given under the auspices of the Citizens' Committee, with Col. John R. Marshall, chairman. The church was filled with anxious members to know the aims and objects of the association and they were told by each speaker. Dr. E. J. Fisher, pastor of the church, gave the doctors a royal welcome and excellent music was furnished by the choir. Dr. T. S. Officer, president of the Local Medical Association, spoke briefly of the local association and the interest he hoped that the citizens of Chicago would take in the meeting and the entertainment of the visitors. Dr. U. G. Dailey, chairman of the management committee, told of the object and history of the Local and National Association. Dr. A. L. Smith read a paper on the relation of the profession to the citizens. Dr. Harry Garnes, a successful dentist, delivered an address on the dentist as a factor. His speech touched the part played by the dentists in the national association and said that the first editor of the dental section in the national medical magazine was the late Dr. Asa Barnes, of this city. He paid a glowing tribute to Dr. Charles Bently, recognized as one of the leading dentists of this country. Dr. Barnes was brief but broad and covered the ground thoroughly. Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, who is regarded as one of the widely informed men of the race on tuberculosis, spoke interestingly on the subject and gave statistics on the race's death rate and how it was hampering the progress of the race. He also paid a tribute to work of Provident Hospital. Mr. George Kersey spoke on the relation of the citizen to the medical profession. Mr. B. F. Moseley delivered a set address on the relation of law to medicine. Major R. R. Jackson, member of the Illinois Legislature, spoke on how to succeed. His address was full of encouragement and proved to be one of the best of the evening. The effect of these meetings will have a wholesome effect, said Dr. U. G. Dailey to the Freeman representative and "we expect to go to all parts of Chicago to tell the people what a big thing that it will be." Dr. Dailey has between 600 and 700 citizens interested and Misses Maud J. Roberts, Elizabeth Clark and Essie Arnold are among the members of the Young Women's Committee. They have secured over 100 of the most charming young women in Chicago to be on the committee.

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Bright Outlook for Y. M. C. A.

"There is a brighter outlook for the Y. M. C. A.," said Mr. Pierce, assistant secretary of the Wabash Avenue Association. There is a campaign on to secure 100 boys as members of the boys' department and a splendid set of young men are taking rooms in the dormitory. Within a few weeks a campaign of publicity will be launched to make known the wonderful advantages of the association. Mr. W. H. Terrell, Mr. Walter Anderson, Mr. Ned Chestnut and Mr. Charles Wilson are among those planning to do big things for the Y at a later date. Miss Maud J. Roberts, who is to appear in a recital February 4 at Lincoln Center, was pleased to learn that the young men are going to attend her recital to a man.

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Opens This Week.

The Elite No. 2 will be opened on Thursday of this wek. This palatial house will be the mecca for high class amusement and entertainment and the serving of Chinese and American dishes. Already ever table has been spoken for and the day is expected to be a gala one and the pleasure will run up until 1 p. m. The entertainers are Miss Ethel Cole, a soprano singer of excellent voice, Miss Elvira Johnson, known as the "Mary Garden of the stroll," Mr. George Hall, the phenomenal tenor, and Mr. Will Abel, manager and high class entertainer; the orchestra, Mr. Dan Parish at the piano, Mr. Will Armstrong, cello, Mr. Irvin Stewart, violin, and Mr. Horace George, clarionet. Messrs. Henry Jones and Art Codozoe are receiving congratulations from their many friends for giving the public such a high class place built from the ground floor up for the special benefit of entertaining the race.

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Foresters Growing in "Windy City."

The Order of Foresters, of which Robert Kelly is chief ranger, is growing rapidly. Dr. Marshall, the examing physician, has his office filled with young men applicants for the Order. On Monday night at Odd Fellows' Hall, the ante-room was crowded with young men waiting to be hitched to the "goat." On the evening of January 23 the Past Chief Rangers' Association of Court General Robert Elliott 7895, with R. C. Kelly, president; L. O. Baler, vice-president; R. H. Hardin, secretary; F. L. Crittenden, treasurer, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Pelkey, 3756 Elmwood avenue, and were entertained with a stag party. Among the other Past Chief Rangers present were Messrs. M. M. Sloane, W. H. A. Roberts, R. H. Hardin, V. B. Babb, E. S. Dortch, H. T. Pelkey, L. O. Baler, D. B. Hawley, R. Troutman, F. L. Crittenden, D. M. Asbery, R. C. Kelly, F. W. Taylor, J. E. Oldham, I. F. Smith, A. G. F. Smith, A. F. G. Sims, C. C. Lewis and Samuel Harris. Brother M. M. Roane, the grand old man and founder of the court, was highly eulogized for the noble work rendered the Order. Mr. and Mrs. Pelkey were presented with a punch bowl and glasses and silver ladle. The decorations were scarlet, gold and Lincoln green, the colors of Foresters. The affair was a grand success.

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Tom Brown Indisposed.

Tom Brown, the well known actor, was indisposed this week, so the report comes. Mr. Brown is on the road with a show which is said to be a big success. Mr. Brown makes his headquarters in Chicago.

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Pre-Lenten Dance Soon.

The Dave Peyton Concert orchestra is likely to give a Pre-Lenten dance before Lent at one of the halls on the Southside. This orchestra has never played for a dance and their music is so good that there is a demand for Prof. Peyton to give a dance and have his music play for the dances that are in vogue. He was the main musician of the West to organize a symphony orchestra. He says if he can secure a hall he will give the public some real music to be played for the latest dances.

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Oberlin University to be Represented.

Oberlin University will be represented in the person of Mr. C. Cecil Cohen at the Maud J. Roberts' recital February 4 at Lincoln Memorial the first Thursday in February. Mr. Cohen is a graduate of Fisk Musical Department and secured a scholarship at Oberlin. As a pianist he is said to be one of the finest at the school. Miss Roberts will be accompanied by Mr. Herman Devries in a French group of songs. Mr. Devries is Chicago's noted teacher and pianist. The recital is expected to be the most classical musical given in Chicago for some time.

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